

EXHIBIT B

Commentor Name Robert Peterson

Commentor County 29

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Carmel

Commentor Organization none

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Phil - Looks like DNR is caving to the GUN group and keeping the GUN seasons intact – thereby eliminating any possibility that those hunters will shoot does instead of bucks, thus the needed result - that of reducing the herd by harvesting more does relative to bucks - will not occur. SO, if the GUN blasters must have their 16 days - there are a few others actions which could realistically help to accomplish the deer biologists voiced concerns of reducing the herd size by increasing the female deer harvest.

Why not an EARN a BUCK for GUN SEASONS.... You must shoot a DOE the day before you can shoot a buck!...

A successful shooter would be given a buck tag at the checking station after tagging a doe!.... The GUN hunters could have their historical season!

And if the biologists want a larger doe harvest – you left out the ARCHER – why not EXTEND the archery season through JANUARY like the URBAN zone.... DNR wants more does harvested or not ??? ... I wasn't ready to quit after being out on the last Sunday of the season – but, the law is the law.....

And by the way.... To increase revenue to the DNR – why not make ALL HUNTERS including LANDOWNERS buy LICENSES? ... I think it is incredible that DEER are free to landowners.... But migratory birds are not.... I don't think I've lived anywhere – where landowners were free for hunting..... PA.. MN ..CA .. TX.. VA

Lastly, if there is an issue with URBAN deer – at public/private golf course, parks etc. have the DNR manage a deer reduction action similar to the current State Park Deer Reductions – those have been very successful and popular.
This could be funded by some of the added revenue from the Landowners!

Nice to meet you at the meetings to discuss the proposed actions! (Pike HS)

Give me a call if you need a rational voice on any of the committees!

Bob Peterson

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Time stamp 01/12/2011 03:01:50 PM

Commentor Name Steven K Reid, Sr

Commentor County 50

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Argos

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment All good! Much better.

Kudos on the crossbow and late antlerless idea!

WE NEED this for 2011.....hoping its possible and no more WAITING.

God Bless

Steve

Time stamp 01/12/2011 03:17:00 PM

Commentor Name Patrick Jordan

Commentor County 71

Commentor State IN

Commentor City South Bend

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I'm highly dissappointed in the agencies that "caved" from pressure of gun hunters that cried and whined about taking the gun season out of the rut. If you wanted to reduce the deer population earn a buck would have been fine or what about getting rid of the one buck rule? As I was told by a official at the meetings you didn't want to get plastered like the Wisconsin DNR did. Basically you chickened out and didn't do what was right for the environment but instead let the few people that cried the loudest change your interpretation of what needed to be done. Regardless of what the pulbic said your job is protect the wildlife and the environment. Sad to say that obviously isn't what happened.

Time stamp 01/12/2011 03:18:25 PM

Commentor Name James Street

Commentor County 22

Commentor State IN

Commentor City New Albany

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Dear Sir,

I want to thank the DNR for revisiting the proposals. I feel proposal 2.0 add added opportunity for hoosier hunters in the archery season (with the xbow) while maintaining the tradition of the gun and muzzleloader seasons.

I've read that the harvest is down for this season but feel that the proposals should still go through. Bonus quotas can be adjusted up/down yearly to address the herd numbers and having tools and season length in place to address the herd numbers is obviously proactive instead of reactive.

Thanks again for your time and professionalism in this matter. Hoosier hunters thank you.

Jim Street

Time stamp 01/12/2011 03:23:26 PM

Commentor Name Calvin Edward Hunt

Commentor County 34

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Kokomo

Commentor Organization Wildcat Creek Deer Hunters

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I like these proposals very much .Compared to the last set they show the combined thoughts and desires of more than just a few stakeholders that had only trophy bucks and self serving rules in mind.

I am glad the crossbow rule was amended to everyone . I am 50 years old and did not want to go have myself declared "Handicapped" because my shoulders are wearing out and it is becoming painful to shoot my archery gear. I am also looking forward to taking my wife and grandchildren out with the Xbows one day since they can not shoot bows with enough poundage to deer hunt yet.

I also like the raise in case size but I think if the DNR wants to get serious the should include 30,30, 32 specil CFR ,.35 rem , 444 and 45- 70 , as well as a few others that are in that grade of calibers of CFRs due to the range and power being much like the current weapons being used legally . I feel they are as safe and no more powerful or long range as anything we hunters use today however they carry less recoil and are inherently more accurate than the Long and short range shotguns and inline M/Ls we now use . IMHO clean killing shots should be the concern of the DNR as much as the hunters keep giving us better weapons we will keep raising your deer harvest numbers.

Once again a big thank you and well done .You will receive some resistance from a few loud yet self serving groups who claim to represent the deer hunters in IN. however they do not and you have done well.

Now if we can just loose that OBR and maybe make the second buck tag available to an archery/xbow hunter that takes a doe, available for gun or a bow in addition to the buck tag we are now allowed .that would be absolutely perfect for those of us who own and manage our own farms and take some does .

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Commentor Name Richard Mittendorf

Commentor County 48

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Anderson

Commentor Organization NONE

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Gentlemen, I think you have done a fine job on the new round of proposals! Leave them as they are. Good job on introducing crossbows as archery equipment as well. Thank You!

Time stamp 01/12/2011 03:36:51 PM

Commentor Name Andrew Snider

Commentor County 29

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Westfield

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment The new proposals are much more hunter friendly then the previous proposal. The other proposals seemed benficial to the small interest group that did not speak for the average hunter. The only thing else we need to do is raise the nonresident license fees to help with out of state leasing dominating the state.

Time stamp 01/12/2011 03:50:05 PM

Commentor Name Mike Clabaugh

Commentor County 35

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Andrews

Commentor Organization Hunting Indiana

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I support all the rules changes and want to congratulate the DNR for listening to Indiana sportsman and what they wanted. You got it right this time around.

Time stamp 01/12/2011 03:47:21 PM

Commentor Name Anthony Rothgerber

Commentor County 62

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Tell City

Commentor Organization hunter

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I hope the new proposals pass . I think they will help us reduce the deer population as needed. I am especially glad to see the crossbow usage expanded since I am reacjhing the age where I am not considered handicapped but sometimes with my aches and pains I would like to have another option so that I may deer hunt more often . My hat is off to you for a job well done on this package of proposed changes .

Thank you ,

Anthony Rothgerber

Time stamp 01/12/2011 04:03:35 PM

Commentor Name Wayne A. Langman

Commentor County 84

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Terre Haute

Commentor Organization none

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment If the commisions goal is to make Deer hunters happy they have been successful.

If the goal was to manage and reduce the herd so as to reduce property damage, crop damage, and accidents and injuries to drivers they have failed.

I would suggest adding Deer to the list of animals atowed under by the Nuisance Wild Animal Control Permit. At least then some property

owners could get some relief.

Time stamp 01/12/2011 04:17:40 PM

Commentor Name Michael E, Crossley

Commentor County 57

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Ligonier

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I am in favor of allowing crossbows for the early bow season. I do not hunt with a crossbow, but if allowed to use crossbow during the first bow season my eight year old son will be the hunter instead of watching me in the stand. 100% in favor.

Time stamp 01/12/2011 04:19:33 PM

Commentor Name Kyle Trambaugh

Commentor County 51

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Loogootee

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Here in Martin county we have experienced a sharp decline in deer sighting's since EHD hit hard... both at NSWC Crane and in other parts of the county. This is backed up by several reports that I have received through fellow employee 's at Crane. With that being said I would like to add that I do not feel that there is a need to add gun season days and to allow crossbows in early archery (by all who wish to use) to aid in herd reduction...frankly the herd is reduced. I don't have all the scientific information that you all are going to use to back up this bad decisions (IMO) Just a lot of sits in a treestand without seeing a single deer in areas that we used to see several...

I think a compromise between the last and this proposal would be nice... if crossbows are granted for all at least move the firearms season out of November... so to allow deer to reach maturity.

Sincerely an Indiana Hunter for 23 yrs and Lifetime license holder

Kyle

Time stamp 01/12/2011 04:33:31 PM

Commentor Name Michael R Max

Commentor County 79

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Lafayette

Commentor Organization None

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I would like to compliment the Indiana DNR for the wonderful Job you do. I have regular contact with the CO's in my area and find them friendly and professional.

Some of the things that keep me and my friends out of the deer woods are.

A) The leasing of farm lands. I am not able to hunt some places I used to hunt because people have come in and bought the hunting rights and then turn around and sub lease the farm to hunters that have far more disposable income than I do.

B) The cost of license. If you can only afford one license then you are going to hold out for a buck.

C) The cost of having a deer processed is not cheap.

D) The cost of having a mount done is not cheap.

E) The cost of getting to and from the hunting area (GASOLINE) is going up.

If you are going to hunt deer and be successful it is going to be costly. Here are a few suggestions.

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On the leasing, DNR can make a better effort to inform farmers as to their liability when they charge for a hunter to enter their property. I can not count the times I have informed farmers that if they do not charge they are not liable for accidents. They are shocked to find out they can be held liable if they lease the land. They also do not take the precautions of making sure the land is not subleased.

I would like to see a state tax on people taking out these leases. This would help discourage leasing hunting rights. This practice is discouraging hunting and making it something only the wealthy will be able to afford in the future.

I would also like to see Indiana do something along the lines of what South Dakota does for walk in areas. If a hunter has a piece of property that is good for hunting they offer the farmer/property owner a payment to allow hunter access to the property.

The cost of licenses. It sounds like you may be addressing this with the bundles. I know that the DNR has a budget and has to make ends meet. Here is something to think about. Regular price on first license but you must take an antler less deer. After that deer is checked you can obtain a second license at 1/2 price. It may be used for antler less or antlered. Then continue with the discounted licenses for antler less deer. I think you would find you would sell more licenses, enough to make up the difference in revenue. It would also keep hunters in the woods longer.

Another thing you might consider is a lower price for antler less tags than for antlered. Such as \$30.00 for antlered and \$15.00 for antler less.

The above suggestions also should help with the thinning of the herd.

The cost of processing. The DNR already puts on Hunter education courses at the local level. How about putting on some processing classes. Teach hunters how to process their own game. It would help with costs and be great PR for the DNR. In the past I have donated my deer to Food Finders Food Bank. I did this because they payed for the processing. I have a problem with donating the deer and paying for the processing. Could the DNR start a page on their web site listing locations or organizations that process for free if the meat is donated?

The cost of mounts. I don't know on this one it is like every thing else the cost just keeps going up. I am open to suggestions.

The cost of travel. My friend and I went together and bought a cheap camper. We will travel and spend a week or a few days so we do not have to drive so much. I know there is not anything the DNR can do about gasoline prices but I am sure there are ways to save I have not thought of and others have. How about an open forum page at the DNR website to discuss things with other hunters, campers and boaters.

I do like the new cross bow rules. Thanks for adding them to the list of legal ways to take game.

Thanks

Michael Max

A proud hunter since 1968.

Time stamp 01/12/2011 04:34:53 PM

Commentor Name Derrick S Grant

Commentor County 22

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Greenville

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment This looks better than the last one. The best thing is not changing the gun season!!

Time stamp 01/12/2011 04:43:19 PM

Commentor Name Brian

Commentor County 87

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Newburgh

Commentor Organization Backwater Hunting Club

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I personally like the rules Changes, especially the ability to use Crossbows throughout the WHOLE archery season. That will increase revenue for the state, local business, etc.. and also help manage the deer herd. Also on Cross Bows, I think that will help people make more ethical shots who are not very good at shooting compound bows.

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I hunt Ohio as well which allows the use of Crossbows and there is no issues with their Deer Herd.

There is another thing that I think should be implemented and that is to Earn a 2nd Buck in any county. It has gotting to the point where we are now seeing alot more bucks vs does. I personally feel the amount of does has been drastically decreased.

I think the amount of bonus does should be reduced in the counties that allow 8 per year. That is insane. If a person shoots 8 does during November-December.. How many of those does were bred and fawns were also killed. How many of those fawns were bucks? But were only allowed (1) buck per year. That really doesnt make much sense to me. So I really feel we should be able to Earn a 2nd buck in Any County!
Time stamp 01/12/2011 04:47:37 PM

Commentor Name Eric Rentschler

Commentor County 35

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Huntington

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment The new proposed changes look great and seem fair to everyone.

Time stamp 01/12/2011 04:53:42 PM

Commentor Name Rod DeRoo

Commentor County 1

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Decatur

Commentor Organization Hunting Indiana Forum

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I want to thank the DNR/NRC for listening to the average deer hunter, and scrapping the first set of proposals. It's evident that you guys listened to the public, and stopped relying on self serving stakeholders in regards to deer hunting in Indiana. This time you guys got it right, and have begun to restore my faith in our DNR. THANK YOU!!!

Time stamp 01/12/2011 04:58:37 PM

Commentor Name Randy J. Shaffer

Commentor County Out of State

Commentor State PA

Commentor City Spring Grove

Commentor Organization Private

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Absolutely in favor for the newly proposed deer amendments. I love visiting and hunting the state of Indiana. It appears I'll be able to stay longer, spend more time with friends & family, pumping more dollars into your economy. I can make multiple trips now to hunt the different seasons and fill more tags now that they'll be more affordable. Also, not that you're managing for trophy deer, I will certainly pass on that 15" 6pt, knowing I can have more days afield and more opportunities to harvest a mature buck or even a doe or two. Again, because your antlerless tags may be more affordable.

Instead of coming in just for 3 days of firearms season and harvesting an immature buck, I intend to come in for a week of archery, the youth season, a week of firearms, and the muzzleloader season. Fantasic!

Time stamp 01/12/2011 05:00:30 PM

Commentor Name Kim B. Harbison

Commentor County 49

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Indianapolis

Commentor Organization none

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Hello,

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I would like to add my comments regarding the proposed deer amendants.

I want to state my appreciation to the NRC and DNR for listening to the input from deer hunters here in Indiana. I feel these new proposals are MUCH more equitable to ALL deer hunters in Indiana than the former proposed rules/regulations. I fully support the new proposals, and if/when implemented look forward to the new opportunities they will give to all deer hunters in the state.

Again, thank you for listening to the input of the deer hunters in Indiana. It is appreciated.

Kim B. Harbison

Time stamp 01/12/2011 05:06:14 PM

Commentor Name Kevin M Cox

Commentor County Out of State

Commentor State GA

Commentor City Milledgeville

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I feel that 32 total days of rifle and muzzleloader is too long. If Indiana hopes to continue the growth in sales of Non-resident big game license sales a shorter season will allow more bucks to reach maturity and thats what is driving the non resident interest in hunting the state. I would like to see firearms a week and muzzleloader a week in non-urban hunt settings where deer populations are lower. States like Kansas and Illinois are having huge success with short firearm seasons scheduled at the end of the rut

Time stamp 01/12/2011 05:21:48 PM

Commentor Name Ryan McDuffee

Commentor County 47

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Springville

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I am supporting the proposed rule change. This is a hunter friendly version that will allow more individuals more time in order to hunt and harvest more Indiana's white tails. Thank you for listening to the average hunters. I find nothing in the new proposed rules that will take away from the hunting traditions and should increase the harvest.

Thanks,

Ryan McDuffee

Time stamp 01/12/2011 05:26:01 PM

Commentor Name Andrew Wickham

Commentor County 29

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Westfield

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment MUCH better. I'm hoping the multiseason licenses are not cost prohibitive, as this will definitely help me get more time out hunting.

Time stamp 01/12/2011 05:35:40 PM

Commentor Name Pete Karas

Commentor County 25

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Rochester

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I feel that crossbows should not be allowed during the general archery season for everyone. I want the rules governing there use to

stay the way they are. I'd also like to see us join the modern world and become a telecheck state. It would be so much easier to make a phone call than try to find a check station open especially on Sunday evenings. Thank-you for hearing my two cents.
Time stamp 01/12/2011 05:43:17 PM

Commentor Name Brian Scott Bender
Commentor County 49
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Indianapolis
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I am very upset with this new deer proposal, I feel like letting crossbows into archery season is wrong. They are not archery equipment !!! My father who taught me how to shoot a bow which was consider nothing more then a stick and string. You just have to pull the weight of the string back and take aim and release the arrow and that is what archery is all about. Crossbows is totally different all you do is cock the string back with a crank mechanism and put the safety on until you are ready to shoot and then you just click the safety off, aim through the scope and pull the trigger. Crossbows are nothing more then a gun that shoot arrows that have a safety, a stock, scope and trigger of a gun!! If crossbows are allowed I feel like there will be a lost of what archery is all about!!! Crossbows should have their own season, like maybe shortening gun season by a week and making it a crossbow season for a week or just let them hunt with crossbows in gun season.

My other concern is I don't even think we need these new deer proposals.. How we have things right now is good and I know the deer population is shrinking in my county where my family all hunt several of them did not even get a deer or even seen a deer this year. The deer sightings are way down and have been for the last few years in Perry and Dubois county.

Concerned Hunter,
Brian Bender

Time stamp 01/12/2011 05:49:54 PM

Commentor Name Jason Wright
Commentor County 55
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Martinsville
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Allow crossbows in the regular bow season. This will only increase the amount of deer harvested and isn't that your ultimate goal?

Time stamp 01/12/2011 06:25:45 PM

Commentor Name Daniel Kemper
Commentor County 15
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Moores Hill
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment This proposal is much, much, much better than the one last fall. I am in favor of this one. I was adamantly opposed to the last one. We DO NOT want a short season like OH or PA. If Chad Stewart ever wants a short season again, send him back to PA where he can have one!

Time stamp 01/12/2011 06:32:27 PM

Commentor Name John Farris
Commentor County 2
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Fort Wayne
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I'm writing today to ask the commission to please adopt the proposed rule changes in regard to deer hunting Indiana. The rules that were shot down last year were taking away from the Indiana deer hunters, the new rules however are giving to the hunters. More hunting time, more equipment allowed, and more opportunities to save money on licenses. I have my crossbow so please tell me when I can use it and participate in my first early archery season. I look forward to the permanent adoption of the proposal as soon as possible. Thank you for your time and consideration.

John Farris

Time stamp 01/12/2011 06:39:49 PM

Commentor Name denny howe

Commentor County Out of State

Commentor State IN

Commentor City tell city

Commentor Organization rc&d fish & wildlife

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment the rule on urban bow hunting you will can't take a buck before a doe seems out of place a person may not see a doe , need looked into this proposal.

the use of 1.8 cartridge length is a good step forward but only allows very limited of calibers in, it' s a far cry from all the pistols calibers that are being used, let use use the same as pistol calibers use !!!!

thanks

Time stamp 01/12/2011 06:52:29 PM

Commentor Name Michael

Commentor County 54

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Mycroft

Commentor Organization none

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I applaud this effort. However, I have one disappointment regarding the inclusion of crossbows in the archery season. As a traditional archer/bowhunter (recurve/longbow), I know firsthand it is difficult at best to get modern youth interested in traditional archery. The appeal of the dedication, challenge, satisfaction and heritage of traditional archery is diminished when flashier, faster and frankly easier options are available. An old, Bear stick and string recurve bow is much less attractive to many youth and potential adult recruits that see a new Mathews Z7 compound bow with weight let off, stabilizers, illuminated sights, releases and peep sights. I am convinced that adding a crossbow option will further reduce the appeal of traditional archery.

I have no problem with crossbows having a place in hunting, perhaps it will help meet your objectives. I simply feel that they belong in firearms season with other weapons that have stocks, triggers and scopes. I would much prefer retaining the early archery season without the addition of crossbows, and at the very least I would like to see a separate crossbow season.

Thank you for any consideration.

Time stamp 01/12/2011 07:01:22 PM

Commentor Name John Mascari

Commentor County 49

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Indianapolis

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I think more gun opportunities would be the best Bow hunters as I have seen are trophy hunters not deer hunters . shot gunners miss a lot let the muzzle loaders out in the woods more if you want to thin out the deer . how about some muzzle loader hunts in urban areas. look back and see how many deer were harvested in your bow hunts last year in urban areas. bet you every hunter with a muzzle loader would have harvested a deer but you put us out after all the pressure from firearms and fall bow in there with the winter bow people who hate to wear the orange

Time stamp 01/12/2011 07:22:46 PM

Commentor Name Corey Preston Andry

Commentor County 59

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Paoli

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment 1. The rifle stuff is not a good idea. It takes the sport out of the finest hunting sport in the world. It adds an extra element of danger to the firearms season. And it will produce over reduction. If these rifle rules are going to be passed, then there needs to be a special rifle season that is very short.

2. I think you guys messed up by backing off of the previous proposal. The gun season needs to be shortened and moved. However, even if shortening can't happen, moving should. The idea is "strategic herd reduction," which means taking more does than bucks. The does will fall at a higher rate while the bucks fall at a lower rate if the modern firearms season is moved into December. In December the deer will be in their winter patterns which means does are pretty easy to find. The bucks will be a little harder to find because they turn nocturnal for the most part. I would propose a 16 day season starting the day after Thanksgiving and still end muzzleloader on the same date as usual. There will still be opportunity at bucks, just not as much, while having more opportunity at does.

3. The bundling idea is great! Thanks for showing that this is not all about the state getting more money.

4. The continuous archery season is long overdue. What was ever the point of the one week off?

Time stamp 01/12/2011 07:58:24 PM

Commentor Name Wayne O'Brien

Commentor County 83

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Cayuga

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment licences should be good for any season and either sex.

Time stamp 01/12/2011 08:22:23 PM

Commentor Name Gary McDonald

Commentor County 57

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Rome City

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I do agree with most of the new proposed deer hunting rules, all but the proposed antlerless season, Dec.26-frist sunday in Jan. I don't think any ethical hunter would hunt this season, I know I won't and my 3 sons won't. Cause all you will be killing is pregnant does and button bucks. If you really think we got to kill pregnant does and button bucks, why not just move the muzzleloader season to Dec. 26 for 16 days. It would serve the same propose, and the hunters who hadn't gotten a buck yet would be more willing to be out hunting and just might take a doe. Indianas' muzzleloader season always has been to soon after firearm season. The Dec.26 date lets the deer settle back to a more normal routine. Buy now the deer are back to feeding while it is daylight. I have been deer hunting for 45 years and I have killed most of my best bucks late in muzzleloader season. The deer are eager to feed, the colder and snowier the better. If you want to kill deer this is the time to do it. Start the muzzleloader season Dec.26. for 16 days. It has it all.

Time stamp 01/12/2011 08:24:10 PM

Commentor Name Gary McDonald

Commentor County 57

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Rome City

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment On my comments I might have made a mistake on email address this is the right one.

Time stamp 01/12/2011 08:35:21 PM

Commentor Name Mike Romer

Commentor County 55

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Mooresville

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email Email Commentor

Comment If you are really wanting to reduce the herd than this proposal is the right one.

Time stamp 01/12/2011 08:52:36 PM

Commentor Name Scott Schillig

Commentor County 75

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Grovertown

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email Email Commentor

Comment Guys and Gals.

My hat is off to you. Bravo.

Thank you for listening to the hunters and not to a select few like last time. I am in agreement 110% with the new proposals. ALL OF THEM.

Some guys will be bitching about the EAB, but the purpose is to reduce the herd in those areas, not to take a trophy and EAB is the only way to do it. Just a thought. Wi. allows a doe taken the previous year to count towards the next year EAB tag providing that the hunter didn't shoot a buck in the EAB zone.

Example:

Joe didn't see a buck, but shot a doe in 2010 in the EAB zone. He now can roll that doe over to the EAB zone in 2011 to shoot a buck first if he has the opportunity.

If you added that, it would put an end to the guys whining "I only saw does this year. Why should I go out again next year if I can't shoot a buck?"

I'm all for making all the counties that have an antlerless limit of 4 or more an EAB county, not just the Urban zones.

I'm also for legalizing CF rifles .243 and larger for deer, but I know that has 0 chance of passing, and I've heard the reasons. I don't understand them, but that's O.K.

Time stamp 01/12/2011 09:00:50 PM

Commentor Name Randy Bolinger

Commentor County 29

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Noblesville

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Very, very much against adding crossbows to the early archery season. Crossbows are NOT archery equipment and should not share the season nor receive the same benefits as traditional/compound archery.

Curious that someone apparently equates the two, yet also retains language prohibiting any means of holding back a traditional/compound bow at full draw.

I also question the need to further reduce the herd. As a lifelong hoosier hunter, seems to me the herd may have already peaked. Consensus among the 100 or so hunters I speak with all provide anecdotal evidence that we're seeing fewer deer this year.

Time stamp 01/12/2011 09:19:03 PM

Commentor Name Roger Sellers

Commentor County 43

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Warsaw

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Thumbs up on the new proposal

Time stamp 01/13/2011 02:34:09 AM

Commentor Name Bryan Smith

Commentor County 28

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Bloomfield

Commentor Organization none

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Comment Overall I believe the new proposals are a good compromise. I'm sure there are groups of hunters that would like some things different. The new proposals appear to be more balanced and more likely to meet the DNR goal of deer reduction than the first round of proposals. I don't hunt with a crossbow, nor do I plan on hunting with a crossbow anytime soon, but I believe the inclusion of the crossbow in early archery is a good thing. Anything we can do to bring more hunters into our sport and expand people's stand time is a good thing. I wish the case length portion of the proposed changes had been lengthened to 1.950 instead of just 1.8 so as to include the 35 Remington but I also understand this is a compromise and we all can't get what we want.

Overall I believe no one got everything they wanted but everyone got something which is what a good compromise is all about. I hope you seriously consider passing these proposed changes.

Thank you for your time,

Bryan Smith

Time stamp 01/13/2011 03:23:53 AM

Commentor Name David Engelking

Commentor County 41

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Nineveh

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I think the license bundle and adding crossbows to all of archery are great additions to this proposal. Now, I also believe the state should wait to see what the deer harvest numbers were for this previous year before making any final decisions on what should be done in the name of herd reduction. I spoke with three different check-in stations and their numbers were way down compared to last year and I am hearing the same from other hunters across the state. If the numbers are down a big percentage from previous years then maybe the herd is in check and stable and there doesn't need to be any drastic measures taken immediately. We don't want to decimate the herd right now if the numbers are indeed becoming stable or possible on a slight decline. The decision should be made for what is best for the state's entire herd numbers and not what this hunter or organization thinks needs to be done.

Time stamp 01/13/2011 03:33:16 AM

Commentor Name Aaron Ault

Commentor County 8

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Delphi

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Well, hopefully this reaches the proper authorities concerning the new Indiana deer season proposal. My name is Aaron Ault, and I am an avid deer hunter from Carroll County. I usually shoot 2-4 does a year, and I am a trophy buck hunter. It's hard for me to complain about our regulations because I am very, very pleased with the One Buck Rule. This was an enormous step in the right direction for allowing our bucks to get some age on them. Then, when you proposed cutting the gun seasons in half, it made all of us trophy hunters drool! We had the air taken out of our sails when this proposal went off the table BUT, I am not going to throw a fit as some have. I want to make a suggestion that might work for everyone. In addition to your new proposals, why don't we start the shotgun season the weekend before Thanksgiving? Just amend your new proposal, and move the gun seasons back one week? Maintain the 5 day break between shotgun and muzzleloader season, and then allow muzzleloader to run non-stop until the first weekend of January with the final week being a does only, any weapon season. I believe this would calm the storm and appease everyone involved. This is a good move for the trophy hunters because it moves the start of gun season away from the peak rut, and you can still implement all your new rule change proposals. Thank You for reading my comment, Aaron.

Time stamp 01/13/2011 03:34:39 AM

Commentor Name Dewayne Gilbert

Commentor County Out of State

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Martinsville

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Don't add these rules. If anything drop the amount of Doe permits issued in the counties that has a fallen deer herd. I hunt in orange an Lawerence county an the deer population is way down. Hunted all of gun season an Muzz season an only saw 3 does the whole time. Don't even see doe's along the roads anymore. The federal an state properties deer herd is way down.

Time stamp 01/13/2011 03:47:58 AM

Commentor Name Gary Robitaille

Commentor County Out of State

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Columbus

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Great work! This proposal is very well balanced and should accomplish the goals of the IDNR as well as please the hunters of Indiana.

Time stamp 01/13/2011 04:03:45 AM

Commentor Name Jarin kratzberg

Commentor County 79

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Lafayette

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment To whom it may concern:

I am an avid hunter and resident of the state of Indiana. Additionally, I have lived and hunted throughout the midwest including Indiana, Illinois, Iowa and Kansas and I wanted to express my opinion on the new proposed deer hunting regulations for our state. I am generally disappointed with the entire proposal package, as there are very few parts of the proposal that will address your intended goal of "reducing the deer herd." Specifically concerning are that these regulations are state wide and not targeted to specific regions that do truly have a deer overpopulation problem (which is not the majority of our state, take a pole of hunters throughout the state and you will indeed here this back from them). I

believe that the DNR should be concerned with two aspects of the IN deer herd; 1. The localized overpopulation that is seen in areas such as the urban zones and specific counties throughout the state and 2. The balance of the deer herd, that is keeping the herd numbers in check and allowing the tradition of our sport to continue on for generations.

The key points of the proposal that I feel are beneficial:

1. Expanding the Urban deer zone dates to January 31. These areas are generally the areas concentrated with high deer numbers as you know and increasing the number of days afield for hunters in these regions will indeed increase the number of deer harvested.
2. Implementing the harvesting of a antlerless deer before an antlered deer in the Urban Zone. Again this will ensure that hunters wishing to take advantage of these areas harvest at least one antlerless deer before pursuing antlered deer, and without a doubt this will increase the number of deer harvested in these regions.
3. Bundled tags. Again if tags are offered at a discounted or bundled rate, I know many hunters will take advantage of this and purchase these tags. Once they have the tags in hand they will be much more likely to fill them, thus by offering the bundled tags with 2 antlerless tags there will certainly be an increase in the number of antlerless deer harvested, thus helping the DNR in reducing the deer numbers.

The key points of the proposal that are disappointing:

1. The fact that all of these rules (in general) are being implemented state wide. The DNR needs to listen to more than just farmesr and insurance lobbyists. The hunters of this state continue to voice their opinion that the deer population is on the decline in many parts of the state, many stating that the numbers are far lower than 10-15 years ago. The hunters are the ones that witness this day in and day out and not the other groups lobbying for changes. While the highly traveled and highly populated areas of our state may have an deer population problem, it is not a state wide problem. The DNR needs to targe herd reduction in specific areas of the state where we see the over populations and leave the rest of the state as is.
2. Crossbows during the entire archery season. I see this as a very detrimental change. The perception with most people is that a crossbow is a superior weapon to the compound or traditional archery equipment. This perception has hunters all over the state making comments such as I am going to pick up a crossbow because I can harvest an animal at a greater distance without practicing. This is a false statement, and a very dangerous statement. In fact a crossbow is just as difficult of a weapon and requires just as much practice as any piece of archery equipment. I think that many new hunters will pick this weapon up not truly knowing its capabilities, thus increasing the number of injured/crippled deer and potentially the number of accidents. Pleae rethink this proposal.
3. Increasing maximum case length of rifle cartridge to 1.8 inches instead of 1.625 inches. Again a very bad idea. Our state cannot support the use of high powered rifles. We have a fairly dense population and the amount of rural land (without houses, buildings, etc.) that exists in our state is very limited (generally only the very southern part of the state). Again increasing the cartridge size is allowing for more powerful weapons, with longer ranges to be used for hunting purposes and the DNR is inviting an increase in hunting related accidents. In addition, this is one step closer to allowing all high powered rifles to be used in this state. You give an inch, people will ask and take a foot. There will be a firm push from those that agree with high powered rifles to allow for all weapons to be used. Again we cannot afford this option in our state.

Please reconsider the current proposals. As a hunter and a avid ourdoorsman I believe that what is being proposed will be detrimental to our state. Generate a healthy deer herd in this state and you will have many happy tax payers. In addition, a healthy deer herd will go a long way in promoting the natural resources of our state which can and will become a comodity if handled properly. Thank you for your time and for reading the words of someone who truly cares about our resources.

Best Regards
 Jarin Kratzberg
 Lafayette, IN
 Time stamp 01/13/2011 04:41:42 AM

Commentor Name Dave Willoughby
Commentor County 3
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Columbus
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I agree with the establishment of a crossbw license since a crossbow is not archery equipment. Anyone that thinks it is archery equipment should pick up the 2 different weapons and try them for themselves. The crossbow uses a shoulder stock and mounted trigger but the

biggest difference when hunting is the fact that there is no motion of drawing the bow when the animal is in shooting range. This is a MAJOR difference since drawing the bow is usually the most difficult part of killing the deer when you have it in range. I do not believe that crossbows should be used during the early archery season. Anyone without a physical injury or disability can shoot a legal 35 lb bow and kill a deer with it. Archery season has always required an archer to spend a small amount of time mastering the equipment and learning the limitations of themselves and their equipment. Bowhunters have always welcomed new archers into the fold. A crossbow requires no investment in time and i believe many gun hunters will push the limits of the crossbows range and result in many more wounded deer in the woods bringing a black eye to hunters and specifically archers since there will be an arrow sticking out of the deer. Crossbows in early archery will not increase the harvest much since the same gun hunters that pick up the crossbow already kill more deer than they can use. The answer to the problem of killing more deer in areas that have too many is to open up hunting on areas that do not allow hunter access and to find a better way for hunters to donate their extra deer that they can not use. Many areas of the state have already seen a decline in the deer herd and hunters are wondering why there are so many antlerless tags when they can not find a deer during season. Please give crossbows there own license, establish there own season outside of the traditional archery season and find a way to open un-hunted areas and for hunters to donate their extra deer.

Time stamp 01/13/2011 04:55:57 AM

Commentor Name Josh Sargent

Commentor County 89

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Richmond

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I'm in 100% favor and agreement of the proposed rule changes affecting deer hunting. The urban earn a buck is the best thing yet. The population needs to be reduced. I also like the crossbow option on the archery season. I'm an avid and responsible bow and gun hunter and appreciate all DNR does for us.

Thanks.

Time stamp 01/13/2011 05:00:23 AM

Commentor Name Bradley A. Fraley

Commentor County 10

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Jeffersonville

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I would like to comment on the newly proposed deer hunting proposals. As an avid outdoorsman, who loves deer hunting as much as anyone, I am sickened by the way that the newest line of proposals does NOTHING positive for our deer herd, nor the population management of it!

- 1) the addition of crossbows to archery season is not an effective management tool
- 2) The new proposals will RUIN bow hunting opportunities on military and wildlife refuges! There will literally be no season for archery only hunters on these properties!!!
- 3) The newest proposals gives NOTHING to us bow hunters! Sure, one can say we have got an extra week between firearms and muzzleloader season, but in all seriousness, that week is a waste! The deer have been bombarded by the onslaught of firearms, and truthfully the chance of getting any deer within archery range is slim to none after all of that!
- 4) And on top of that, the last 8 days or so of the season are now going to include gun hunting! Gun-only hunters have been given their cake and eating it too, with the addition of the late antlerless-only season! This undermines one of the main reasons that opponents of the first proposals gave - the weather and family/holiday commitments! What have true archery hunters actually been given, and how will these new proposals result in more antlerless deer harvested???

It amazes me that, even today and with a matter as important to many Indiana hunters as this, the "squeaky wheel" still gets the grease! Myself, as a die-hard bow hunter, absolutely loved the first set of proposals, thus did not send comments -- I simply let them live, while some 3000 folks, who are mostly gun hunters ONLY made a fuss about the proposals, thus leading to them being un-adopted!!! How does this happen? "Well over 3000" comments does not even constitute 3 percent the firearms licenses sold, let alone the entire deer hunting population, yet they had enough influence to have an entire set of proposals scrapped in their favor! Your first set of proposals made perfect sense to me -- they WOULD help the population control of antlerless deer, while adding to the overall QUALITY of the deer herd, which is a secondary benefit to us hunters! These new proposals do NOTHING to further control the population, and WILL diminish the deer herd quality! Those who sent comments don't realize that their harvest would NOT go down by moving back and shortening the firearms season!!! There will always be a huge percentage of deer killed on any "opening day" whether it is in the traditional "rut" or not! We are lagging behind other states in this region by allowing such a

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primitive, long drawn out gun season! Take note of Ohio and Illinois, and see how the seasons should be structured!!! To have a firearms season in the middle of the rut makes no sense! It's proven!

In closing, I find it sickening that the new proposals cater to ONE group of hunters, rather than to the entire population of deer hunters, therefore I do NOT support the new proposals... Thank you for your time.

Time stamp 01/13/2011 05:18:20 AM

Commentor Name Josh Beck

Commentor County 32

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Plainfield

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I fully support these proposed rule changes. Thank you for coming up with a plan that will accomplish what you need it to, while adding opportunity for the sportsmen and sportswomen of Indiana.

Time stamp 01/13/2011 05:46:57 AM

Commentor Name Adam Viel

Commentor County 15

Commentor State IN

Commentor City St. Leon

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I concur with adding the Crossbow season. I do have some recommendations regarding the firearms season. Why not extend it longer than 16 days?

What about baiting? Other states allow baiting. It is currently legal to hunt over crops, grow food plots, purposely leave crops in a field to hunt over. Is this not baiting, but in a legal form? Use game calls, scents, decoys etc. Is this not bait as well but legal?

As an avid deer hunter, I appreciate the fact that the NRC and DNR listened to the public from the first proposal. THANK YOU!

Time stamp 01/13/2011 05:52:44 AM

Commentor Name Josh Schmitt

Commentor County 61

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Rockville

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment To whom this may concern,

Quite frankly, I am not in favor at this point for ANY PROPOSAL in slaughtering our deer herd. The politicians that are elected and who are submitting to the special interest (insurance) groups need to get step back for a minute. Massive overhauls are possibly going to be introduced to lower deer numbers but reports out there indicate that a substantial drop in harvest numbers is going to occur when the final tally is put together. This with one of the optimum hunting seasons we have EVER seen in Indiana due to the early harvest. Now, does this mean anything specific . . . no as it is only one year. However, we could be in the beginning of destructing the deer herd and these same politicians that I spoke of earlier are going to lose a massive amount of money down the road from lack of hunters, tags being sold, etc.

What bothers me is Indiana does not have a baseline number for the deer herd (e.g. est. population). I find it a little aggravating that we do not know how many deer are in Indiana, yet we try and put a county quota out for antlerless deer. My home county in Southern IN was destructively hit with EHD a few years ago, but the quota remained the same. HOW DOES ONE COME UP WITH THAT IDEA. Through the entire season, I bet I saw 60% less deer activity . . . but hey, lets continue to up the slaughter.

Ok, back to the proposal.

* Keep crossbows out of archery season!

* Do not change the PCR's to allow a larger shell casing to be. Hell if anything, remove them from the table like they once were.
* My biggest concern out of all of this is that Indiana is going to become the next Illinois with the leasing boom that has started and inviting in large outfitting companies. Why is everyone wanting to put handcuffs on the Indiana residents, but the out-of-staters can hunt here pretty darn cheap. At least have their licenses some what reciprocal. THAT IS SOMETHING WE SHOULD BE HAVING A RULING ON.

Thats my take on it . . . take a step back and breathe for a minute. Oh and for the politicians who are pushing their crap agenda, send a notification to the general public so we can send them packing come next election.

Time stamp 01/13/2011 05:58:42 AM

Commentor Name Matthew Coe

Commentor County 29

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Fishers

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment To whom it may concern:

1. The new rifle cartridge is too much. We are making a move towards rifle cartridges that shoot too far which makes them unsafe and threatens the integrity of our sport. Safety would be a major issue in the flat lands of northern Indiana. With extending the archery season and the liberal gun season that we currently have there are enough opportunities for hunters. The current firearm season is very liberal.
2. The blaze orange on ground blinds is a plus, but only during firearm season. This will be important to implement especially if the rifle cartridge rule is passed.
3. The "one continuous archery season" is a positive idea and will help with herd reduction. This would eliminate the purposeless dead week after modern firearms season and allow more opportunity for hunters.
4. The crossbow rule should be mitigated and reduced to a shortened season with the exception of disabled hunters. I am firmly against adding the crossbow during archery season as it may potentially reduce herds beyond acceptable levels.
5. Indiana hunters are concerned about the herd reduction idea going too far. We would much rather have a few too many deer than very few deer. The insurance industry may push for more reduction that may be solved with extending the urban area hunting season but we should not move to an earn a buck system.

Read more: <http://www.indianasportsman.com/forum/blog.php?b=94#ixzz1AvML0mIL>

Time stamp 01/13/2011 06:17:56 AM

Commentor Name Brian Weldi

Commentor County 28

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Bloomfield

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I do not like the new proposal as it does nothing to help the overall herd in Indiana. Since EHD I have seen far less deer. The old proposals were a lot better for the quality of deer in Indiana.

Time stamp 01/13/2011 06:23:21 AM

Commentor Name David J. Smith

Commentor County 29

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Fishers

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment As an avid bowhunter, i take pride in my hard work and hours of practice to be one of the first ones in the woods every fall. I spend 90% of my time in the woods during archery as opposed to gun just because of how many idiots are in the woods with a gun. I feel that passing the cross bow rule for everyone to use would make several archery hunters disgruntled. If your working to reduce the heard then think about making the season longer. If cross bow does come into the picture i would hope that you would consider the traditional folks whom the foundation of Indiana hunting began with. Maybe re think the rule and allow cross bow for urban and 5+ county quotas only for a period of time during archery to maybe help reduce the heard that way.

Time stamp 01/13/2011 06:23:55 AM

Commentor Name Jon Robert Simoneau

Commentor County Out of State

Commentor State IL

Commentor City Kankakee

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I am concerned about the new changes for deer hunting in Indiana. Deer numbers are already down, and the age structure is in terrible shape. Indiana should be as good or better than Iowa for deer hunting, since the habitat is excellent, yet it is nowhere near what Iowa is. The reason is very simple. Gun hunting during the rut. The gun season needs to be moved to December. And the late gun season thing is a bad idea. A lot of shed bucks will be killed, being mistaken as does. Also, I can see no viable reason to allow crossbows during archery season. Many states are doing this now, and I have never heard one good reason to do so.

Time stamp 01/13/2011 06:26:00 AM

Commentor Name BRUCE RICHARDSON

Commentor County 55

Commentor State IN

Commentor City MOORESVILLE

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I DO NOT LIKE ONE ASPECT OF THE NEW DEER PROPOSAL, SPECIFICALLY THE ALLOWANCE OF CROSSBOWS INTO THE REGULAR ARCHERY SEASON. WHILE THEY KILL BY THE SAME MEANS, A VERTICAL BOW AND A CROSSBOW ARE TOTALLY DIFFERENT WEAPONS. A CROSSBOW IS BASICALLY A GUN THAT SHOOTS A SHORT ARROW. A VERTICAL BOW TAKES MUCH MORE SKILL AND PREPARATION/PRACTICE TO BE ABLE TO HUNT WITH. A CROSSBOW IS A POINT AND SHOOT WEAPON. CROSSBOWS DO NOT DESERVE THE SAME BENIFITS AS VERTICAL ARCHERS.

I DISAGREE THAT THE STATE HAS AN OVERABUNDANCE OF DEER. THERE ARE PRIVATE POCKETS WHERE THIS IS TRUE, BUT THAT IS SOLELY BECAUSE THE LANDOWNERS DO NOT ALLOW HUNTING ON THEIR PROPERTY. THE PROBLEM IS HUNTER ACCESS, NOT TOO MANY DEER. PUBLIC LANDS DO NOT NEED ADDITIONAL HARVEST PRESSURE.

IF YOU JUST WANT TO KILL MORE DEER, WHICH YOU SHOULD NOT, THEN JUST ALLOW ANY WEAPON TO BE USED, INCLUDING FIREARMS, BEGINNING IN OCTOBER.

Time stamp 01/13/2011 06:31:41 AM

Commentor Name Daniel Rowe

Commentor County 29

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Carmel

Commentor Organization n/a

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Dear Sir/Madam,

After writing in opposition to the previously proposed rule change I have to say I am very excited and pleased with the rule changes in this proposal. The ability to now be able to use a Crossbow during early archery is probably the most exciting thing for me. My only question would be when you create the deer "bundle" license - why not include the crossbow in that? Other than that - job well done and thank you for listening to the hunters in the state and not shortening our deer seasons...

Time stamp 01/13/2011 06:52:12 AM

Commentor Name Keith Foor

Commentor County 49

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Indianapolis

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment First off, I would like to thank the commission for listening and proposing what I think overall is a very good package that will work towards achieving the goals of the DNR with regards to deer management. However, that being said, I would like to know whether the bonus antlerless permits are still a valid license outside of the season proposed at the end of December (antlerless season). It would appear that these are not an option the rest of the year as the license is not mentioned during any other proposed season than the one mentioned above. Is this an oversight or the intent of the proposal. If herd reduction is the goal in mind, I would think that the state would make the antlerless (single) license an option for hunters during all seasons for counties eligible for bonus permits. Other than what I have questioned, a very good proposal for the state and it's deer hunters.

Time stamp 01/13/2011 06:55:47 AM

Commentor Name William R. Green

Commentor County 48

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Pendleton

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I fully support the rule Deer Hunting Rule proposals. I agree with the logic behind them, and know that the DNR is trying to address the growing deer herd using hunters as a resource before other methods become mandated by other branches of our government.

I think the earn-a-buck is especially effective in this way, and should be considered for any county with antlerless quotas of 4 or more.

The crossbow will do what the DNR hopes it will, enable more hunters to take advantage of the early archery season. I purchased a crossbow a few years ago, so my daughters could hunt during the late season. The crossbow enables even young hunters to make ethical, accurate archery shots with archery equipment. Anyone who has used one knows that the effective range of these weapons is very similar to today's compound bows, and therefore is a perfect weapon for many of the urban zones.

Probably the late antlerless firearms season will see the largest increase in antlerless deer harvests. My girls and I hunted 7 days over the Christmas holidays, and we were unable to close the deal with the crossbow. A firearm will certainly make that easier.

As has been mentioned, the largest roadblock to deer harvest in urban zones is access. I only wish there were a way to provide an incentive to landowners in these areas to allow hunters access. Please let me know if any new information is released relative to this topic.

Time stamp 01/13/2011 06:56:13 AM

Commentor Name Devon Roudebush

Commentor County 28

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Bloomfield

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I believe the rule package overall is a major improvement. The Usage of a Crossbow will put new hunters in the field (young, old, women, men, kids) and that it will help add to the Doe kill, as well as add to the number of Hunter voices. I am concerned that orange requirement for ground blinds, will cause more blinds to be stolen. However I would still vote "YES" for the whole package in current form. The only change I like to (but do not want to slow the implementation of the current package), would be to extend Deer season longer into Jan, like several of our boarder states. Also for the record, I am a firearms, archery and crossbow Hunter.

Thanks for listening.

Time stamp 01/13/2011 07:07:03 AM

Commentor Name Robert M Mroski

Commentor County 49

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Indianapolis

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I grew up in Ohio. I hunted Ohio, PA, and W VA. I moved here in Indiana in 2002.

The thing I liked most about your Deer Hunting was the way it was so relaxed. In Ohio and PA the seasons are pressured by the dates and the amount of time to hunt. This causes alot of pressure on Hunters. The pressure makes them do things with bad judgement.

I am for keeping your seasons like they are now.

Then for Cross Bow hunters. Why would you charge them for hunting with a cross bow? This is one of your rules that is real Bad for hunting. Don't let those hightech bow hunters push you into a bad desission.

Hunters buy a licence to shoot a deer. It's his right to be able to hunt that deer with his choise of bow or Cross bow. alot of us hunters have bad arms and sholders. Please reconsider.

Time stamp 01/13/2011 07:40:15 AM

Commentor Name David Troutman

Commentor County 54

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Crawfordsville

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment While I see some value and pros to adding various things like a Crossbow license, requiring an antlerless harvest in urban zones before taking an antlered deer, etc. ... this is beginning to look like a patchwork of taxation much like US Tax Law does these days. Before too long, in order to keep track of it all one will seemingly have to have a PhD with a dissertation written on Indiana Hunting Seasons in order to understand it all, and just keep from accidentally violating the rules and regs.

My thing with Crossbows is this ...

In the degree of difficulty on a scale of 1 to 10, with one being the least difficult and 10 being the most, I find that the following holds true for weapons used in hunting:

- Rifle (out to 400 yards +) = 1
- Shotgun or Muzzle Loader (out to 200 yards) = 2-3
- Crossbow (out to 80 yds) = 4-5
- Bow (out to 50 yds) = 9 or 10

We must ask ourselves, "Why is a gun so much easier than a bow?" The simple answer of course is that it's just not as difficult. We all know that bow hunting is a specialized skill, that for someone who is successful at it, they have developed a keen ability to significantly reduce or completely avoid detection of movement, sound, scent, and know when the right moment is to draw a bow, which is a fair amount of movement in close proximity to a deer. With a firearm, all of this skill is nearly eliminated or if not, certainly substantially reduced to the point where it's negligible. A simple rise of the scope to the eye and a release of the safety followed by a squeeze on the trigger is all that's required, all from the comfort of an elevated stand 100 or more yards away. However, for a bow, as most bowhunting enthusiasts know, most shots are taken on an average of 20 yards or less and you subject yourself to a much greater range of motion when drawing the bow, which also means greater chance for a sound to be heard, and scent or movement to be caught. There's also the additional challenge of being able to hold the string for the right moment of release, and being able to do this without being busted by other nearby deer. Because bow hunting is so much more difficult, there are no doubt, fewer hunters who pursue this avenue of hunting ... this is reflected in the obvious harvest numbers ... nearly 65-75% more deer are taken by firearms hunters over bow hunters in a span of time that appears to be only about 33% of the total hunting season.

So, since a cross-bow is a combination of bow and rifle hunting technology, it's very likely that because of the ease of use of a crossbow, the number of hunters in the archery season will increase, substantially. Maybe not at first, but over time it will increase. My perception is that it gives those who "want their cake and want to eat it too" a great opportunity to capitalize on an extended hunting season without much investment of time or resources. Most crossbows, save a few higher quality ones, appear to be priced a bit lower on average, than the average compound bow today. It qualifies for the archery season but gives those who don't really want to invest in the time and energy to become proficient at real bow hunting, the opportunity to extend their season by simply raising the crosshairs to their eye, removing the safety, and pulling the trigger. Admittedly, they will still have to be a little closer, but the number of bow kills, and hence, likely to be more doc kills, will indeed go up. I do like crossbows being approved for those with physical disabilities and those over age 65, but I don't favor an open use for anybody just looking to extend their season because they don't want to learn how to use a bow, traditional or compound.

I know this begs the question of "what is considered real bow hunting?" One can make an argument that with all of the technological advancements, even in compound bows, that these might not be real when compared with a traditional re-curve bow using flint arrow heads and a hunter in deer-skin clothing playing the wind on a hunt from the ground after taking a mud bath. Then there's the advantages of elevation in tree

stands, trailcams, electronic feeding systems, fully-enclosed blinds with heaters and, mind you ...some just short of toilets, running water and a kitchen sink, camo-scent-prevention clothing, binoculars, range-finders, automatic calls, and so much more. With all of this technology, hunting anymore seems to be more about just thumbing through the latest trail-cam photos like looking at the Cabelas catalogue, picking your buck, and then dropping it and bringing it home for bragging rights ... about like shooting fish in a barrel. Where's the challenge in hunting anymore? And where do we draw the line? What's next? An arrow that actually has a mildly explosive tip that upon impact, send shards of metal pulsating through a deer's body to give it both the cutting impact of a razor-head and the shocking impact of a 150 grn bullet? Or, a bow mounted on a rifle stock with the ease and accuracy of a firearm? When is bow hunting, bow hunting ... and firearm hunting, firearm hunting? And is there a reason for each season, and if so, why? Why do bow hunters bow hunt and why to firearm hunters firearm hunt? Are bow hunters looking for more of a challenge? Not to lessen the challenge that firearm hunters have, but there is the obvious difference. Just playing devil's advocate here ... I think they're fair questions to ask of ourselves. And just for the record, I firearm hunt, too.

Of course, there are some who simply enjoy killing for the sake of killing just so they can have the bragging rights to a trophy (whether obtained legally or not), and they are the ones who gives good hunters a bad name and rep. I believe those are few and far between. I think most game hunters are, in addition to enjoying God's beautiful outdoors, out for the challenge of beating their quarry, which means outwitting and outsmarting them at scent, sight, sound, and learning how to find them by studying lifecycle patterns of feeding and sleeping, etc.. This is the great challenge to hunters! Take away the challenge, and what's so great about hunting?

One final thought ... since we're on the road of creating rule & regs complexity, I'll just go ahead and make another suggestion ... how about extending the Archery season to January 31st, like Ohio?

Respectfully submitted.

Time stamp 01/13/2011 07:43:40 AM

Commentor Name Jeremy Shireman

Commentor County 31

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Corydon

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I am pleased with the new proposals. I think the addition of crossbows to the early archery season will help to increase the overall harvest. The late antlerless season is also a good option and will give hunters an additional time to try to fill their bonus tags.

Time stamp 01/13/2011 07:48:53 AM

Commentor Name Richard Fogler

Commentor County 3

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Columbus

Commentor Organization Hawpatch Hawcreek Conservation Club

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment The obvious missing element still remains to be:

City and County and State and Federal land within the urban zones cannot be legally hunted.

Since most of the urban unimproved land and woods and river banks are owned by the government, most deer are not accessable and most hunters have no access at all to hunt in the urban zones because they have no private land contacts.

Open the government land holdings in the urban zones to archery hunting and I will be there.

If not, I and most other hunters have no opportunity to help reduce the herd regardless what regulations and incentives you propose.

For example, there are a zillion deer around Eagle Creek Reservoir near Indy and not one of them can be legally taken ... duh !!!

It is hypocritical for the government to ask us to come thin the herd and then say "by the way, there is no hunting allowed here".

Open the government land to hunting !!!

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AGENDA ITEM #13 (EXHIBIT B)

Commentor Name Spencer Bait & Tackle

Commentor County 24

Commentor State IN

Commentor City SPENCER

Commentor Organization State Deer Check Station

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment NRC: Thank you for listening to the Sportsmen. Looks like you hit the nail on the head with your proposals. Store comments so far are all in-favor 100%-opposed 0%. I am sure you will hear negative comments from the IBA, and other compound bow hunters but when we look at the total picture you are headed in the right direction.

Many Thanks

Gene Arnold

Spencer Bait & Tackle

Time stamp 01/13/2011 08:13:45 AM

Commentor Name Aaron Collier

Commentor County Out of State

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Williams

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment What happened to pushing back and shorting shotgun season?

Time stamp 01/13/2011 08:31:56 AM

Commentor Name Justin Doxsee

Commentor County 2

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Fort Wayne

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Very happy with the new equipment changes to include crossbows throughout the entire archery season! Very happy with extending the maximum length of rifle cartridge casings to 1.8". Very happy with the new season establishments. I believe you guys have done a great job all the way around this time!

Time stamp 01/13/2011 08:54:20 AM

Commentor Name Michael A. Lehman

Commentor County 18

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Muncie

Commentor Organization none

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Personally I would like to express how this well thought out and presented plan will do exactly what you want it to do without taking away hunting opportunities to do it. Hopefully it will preserve out tradition of hunting whitetail deer in Indiana for many many years in the future

Time stamp 01/13/2011 08:57:50 AM

Commentor Name Doug Thurston

Commentor County 73

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Shelbyville

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Thank you for re-working the proposal. The proposed changes as I read them after the Jan 11 meeting look excellent.

AGENDA ITEM #13 (EXHIBIT B)

I am new to hunting and have small children I'd like to introduce as well and these proposed changes will make that far more effective. Currently, we're limited to just watching for deer in the winter/holiday time, and it will be far more exciting for them to be able to help provide food by hunting. In that vain, the late antlerless season is particularly welcome.

Thank you again,

Doug

Time stamp 01/13/2011 09:05:27 AM

Commentor Name Tonya Lynn Theunissen

Commentor County 58

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Rising Sun

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Thank you for not cutting the firearms season short as proposed last year (2010). Thank you for the bundle option, I didn't know that was an option. If it has been that way for some years, then thank you for not taking it away. If it is new, then thank you ten times fold. I just need meat and sometimes cannot get out to the woods exactly at firearm season and feel that my \$48 is wasted. I do hope I have read the "bundle" section correctly. I will visit your DNR website to check on the fees to see if it will be worth the price tag associated with the bundle package.

Sincerely, Tonya

Time stamp 01/13/2011 09:41:42 AM

Commentor Name Charles Reneer

Commentor County 26

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Princeton

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I'm firmly against crossbows being used in the early Deer archery season. Our bow season in October/November is a treasure to me, there are no gun hunter it's a great peaceful time to be in the woods. I feel crossbow hunters would interrupt our true bow hunting season.

A Crossbow "SEASON" would make more sense to me if it was in the LATE Season when the weather is colder and more harsh where regular Bows would be at a disadvantage to use.

Please do NOT make crossbow legal in the regular early Archery Season !!!!!!!

Thank You

CHARLES J RENEER(45 YEARS of Hunting Deer in Indiana talking)

Time stamp 01/13/2011 09:43:40 AM

Commentor Name Jfames Street

Commentor County 22

Commentor State IN

Commentor City New Albany

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Dear Sir:

Thank you for taking a second look @ the deer proposal. The new proposal seems more fair and equitable and should result in additional opportunities for all Hoosier hunters.

Jim Street

Time stamp 01/13/2011 09:47:37 AM

Commentor Name Adrian M. Miller

AGENDA ITEM #13 (EXHIBIT B)

Commentor County 92

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Columbia City

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Finally got it right. We as hunters need to try and include and recruit as many people as possible. With the full inclusion of crossbows and keeping the days afield the same you have done that. Well done.

Time stamp 01/13/2011 10:39:52 AM

Commentor Name Jeremy Hood

Commentor County 56

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Goodland

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment To Whom it may concern,

It seems to me that by introducing crossbows into early bow season blurs the line between guns and bows. They are set up to be powder-less guns. They have a stock, trigger, and are set up to be used with a scope. I would be less opposed to crossbows if there was a stipulation that stopped the use of a scope.

Now for the main reason why I am committing. I think that your ideas are noble but misplaced. The way to reduce deer population across Indiana is to come up with a program that gives incentive to land owners to grant access to the land that they own. Here in Newton county there are few places to get access other than public (nothing wrong with the public grounds). I also think that you might want to take a closer look at your rule changes because they will really only effect the people who hunt public grounds. People who hunt or own private ground will manage it the way they see fit and if that's only shooting bucks or only taking one doe then you have accomplished nothing really.

P.S. - I know I am just one person but I really hope this is read by someone and that you take what I say and ponder it for a while. Have a pleasant day.

Time stamp 01/13/2011 10:57:38 AM

Commentor Name Daniel Robert Green

Commentor County 84

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Terre Haute

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Crossbows belong in gun season! This is a device that does not have to be drawn to fire and has a trigger. It is more gun than bow. Deer numbers are down in Vigo and surrounding counties. Get out and talk to the hunters that are actually in the field and know what they are seeing. I don't know where the DNR is getting their population numbers. The numbers need to be maintained where they are or allowed to rebuild. Indiana has terrible management practices when it comes to deer herd! CROSSBOWS DO NOT HAVE A PLACE IN ARCHERY SEASON. But then Indiana wouldn't be making the extra money for creating another license. What a joke! Look at other states like Illinois and Iowa if you want an idea of how to manage a deer herd and draw additional money from hunters.

Time stamp 01/13/2011 11:43:59 AM

Commentor Name Zachary Steven Hicks

Commentor County 40

Commentor State IN

Commentor City North Vernon

Commentor Organization Student

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I am not a fan of allowing the crossbow use at all. I believe that a lot of the gun only hunters will go out and buy them a crossbow. Yea it might increase the amount of deer killed by a little, but the amount of unethical shots will also increase because these new to crossbow hunters will think just because it is a crossbow they can take those long shots. I don't believe that adding crossbows is the answer Indiana needs to reduce our deer population.

AGENDA ITEM #13 (EXHIBIT B)

Thank you for listening to my input
Time stamp 01/13/2011 12:13:17 PM

Commentor Name Jeff Kunkel
Commentor County Out of State
Commentor State MI
Commentor City Hillsdale
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment We hunt each year in Steuben County IN, and fully support the new proposed rules. We're especially enthusiastic about the option to use crossbows during archery season. Thank you.

Time stamp 01/13/2011 12:14:05 PM

Commentor Name Levi Leicht
Commentor County 9
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Galveston
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I like the new proposed changes. They are a lot better than the previous ones proposed. I hunt with everything from longbow to rifle and Oct. 1st to the end of all of the seasons

Time stamp 01/13/2011 12:22:47 PM

Commentor Name Lynn Kaiser
Commentor County 2
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Ft. Wayne
Commentor Organization IBA
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I do not like the proposed crossbow season it will be as scary as the firearm season (all season).

Could there be a earn a buck program in the normal firearm season?

Which should reduce the doe population

I do like the extended urban zone season and the earn a buck program that it has.

Time stamp 01/13/2011 12:40:12 PM

Commentor Name Kenny J. Stewart
Commentor County 23
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Attica
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Proposal 2.0 does nothing to manage the deer herd, just reduce it. Move gun away from rut and shorten it like the rest of our neighboring states.

Time stamp 01/13/2011 01:24:24 PM

Commentor Name Travis Skinner
Commentor County 3
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Columbus
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I dont care too much for these new proposals! I liked the first proposals! Felt like we would have been headed in the right direction with the first proposal by shorting the firearm and muzzleloading seasons and pushing the opening day of firearm season back, so that it didnt

start in peak rut... My answer for all the guys that cried about this is to buy a bow and get out and learn to hunt instead of stinking and banging up the woods and making all the mature bucks go nocturnal... I put in alot of time afield and hate when gun season comes in as early as it does.

thanks

Time stamp 01/13/2011 02:20:35 PM

Commentor Name Damian Shepherd

Commentor County 40

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Scipio

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I appreciate the opportunity to submit my opinions and suggestions, Thank you for taking the time to read my message.

I understand the intentions of the proposed rule changes to deer hunting is to reduce the herd in specific areas. Since the intention is to reduce the herd it would be safe to say that hunters need more opportunities to take antlerless deer. By opportunities I mean licenses for antlerless deer should be a cheaper price and I believe more hunters would be willing to take an antlerless deer. Revenue comes into question when a suggestion of lowering the price comes in so here is what I propose since the current license format is also extremely confusing.

Suggestion 1: Indiana has had a 1 "buck" rule for several years, if only 1 antlered deer is allowed then why not have a "Buck Tag" good for all hunting equipment, once it is filled then you can't buy another one. Increase the price of this license to like \$40 you will eliminate the confusion of hunters trying to figure out whether they need to buy another license for a different season. 1 buck, 1 tag...simple.

Suggestion 2: Antlerless licenses should be very cheap and easy to use, therefore have the same type of rules, valid for all hunting equipment. Change this price to \$8, most hunters I know are already spending \$48 for a antlered and bonus antlerless license each season anyway, but the low price would bring in hunters for a second or third antlerless tag.

Suggestion 3: If a specific area is targeted for deer reduction and since increasing overall license fees is not the objective of DNR then why not give an antlerless tag free to anyone buying an antlered tag and hunting in a targeted area?

I like the new proposal as far as changes go. I'm an avid bowhunter and would not have liked a firearms weekend in October.

I believe the proposed changes are not the answer, I believe it will come down to dollars & sence....not cents...sence, as in common sence, make it simple to understand and not hurt everyones pocket books and hunters will respond.

Again thanks for letting me have this opportunity

Time stamp 01/13/2011 04:35:13 PM

Commentor Name Byron Keith Clark

Commentor County 78

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Patriot

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I commented at least three times on the proposals that were eventually dropped. I was against them and was glad you dropped them.

These rules are much better! Congratulations, you did a fine job. I support these rule changes.

Keith Clark

Time stamp 01/13/2011 04:46:01 PM

Commentor Name Shane Musick

Commentor County 77

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Shelburn

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I am a 40 year old, life long resident of the state.

I deer hunt with archery, and muzzle loader.

I have 2 small boys, one 10 years old and one almost 3.

I am firmly AGAINST the inclusion of cross bows, into the early archery season.

My oldest boy has begun hunting, and was lucky enough to harvest his first deer this past season. He spends a good deal of time in the woods with me in October, as I hope my younger son will in the coming years.

We spend quite a bit of the early season, walking the woods in spot and stalk mode.

This activity is very safe in early archery, because the weapons that are in the woods must be deliberately drawn and fired.

While accidents do happen, it is very rare for someone to make those kind of mistakes with a vertical bow.

When gun season begins, I do not allow my son into the woods, because of the dangers of careless people. For the safety of my children I am against including ANY weapon into early season, that can be accidentally discharged.

Cross bows ARE NOT archery equipment, and while they do have their place, I do not believe that place is in early archery season.

Thank you for your consideration.

Shane Musick

Time stamp 01/13/2011 05:13:18 PM

Commentor Name oscar green

Commentor County 88

Commentor State IN

Commentor City salem

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I am very much in favor of having a crossbow license and allowing hunting with a crossbow

Time stamp 01/13/2011 05:15:39 PM

Commentor Name Sonny Jay Moore

Commentor County 41

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Franklin

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Please do not allow the use of crossbows in the first bowhunting season! This is so similar to hunting with a firearm it's not funny! It takes the challenge out of the season, let alone more mature deer, which I feel we have in short supply in Indiana!

Time stamp 01/13/2011 05:19:59 PM

Commentor Name david haessig

Commentor County 43

Commentor State IN

Commentor City milford

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment From what I have read about the second proposal for deer hunting changes, I am very supportive of these changes.

There are only a few things I would like to be reconsidered. One, if the intent of the changes is to reduce the deer population, a reduce tag fee for antlerless deer would probably help. I am not certain of the need for orange on ground blinds. Have there been problems with this in the past. One other item would be allow centerfire rifles, such as .270, 30-06, 300 win mag, etc to the firearms season, or maybe the late antlerless only season.

I am very supportive of the addition of crossbows to the early archery season.

Thank you for pulling the first proposal, as I believe this would have had a significant detrimental effect on deer hunting in Indiana.

Regards,

Dave Haessig

Time stamp 01/13/2011 05:38:48 PM

Commentor Name Scott Bradford

Commentor County 58

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Rising Sun

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I deeply believe that the use of crossbows in the early archery season is a mistake. Might as well open up gun season from Oct. 1 on. Crossbows should be limited to late season only. I am a bowhunter, spend nearly 60 days a year in a treestand, and do not like the idea of how anybody that can shoot a gun, can now possibly use a crossbow during a time in the woods that was once and hopefully remain, mine as a true bowhunter!

Thank you if you read this and re-consider adding crossbows to the early bow season.

--Scott Bradford

Time stamp 01/13/2011 06:59:11 PM

Commentor Name Brad Herr

Commentor County 9

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Logansport

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I just want to say that i am in favor of these new proposals 100 percent. I did not like the first set of proposals at all. Allowing crossbows is a good thing as i think it will bring some new and younger hunters into the field and allow another method of harvest. I don't use a crossbow but i have no problem with them being allowed. Leaving the gun and muzzleloader season alone is a great thing. Limiting my time in the field would have not made me more eager to pull the trigger, but instead would have likely made me consider giving up the sport. The gun season is fine and should not change. The license bundle sounds like a great idea and something i will purchase if at a reasonable rate. Overall, i love the proposals. Thank you for listening and making the changes that you did, i think you will find the vast majority of hunters appreciate it and will be much more willing to work to achieve the results you desire. Thank you for your time.

Time stamp 01/13/2011 07:02:40 PM

Commentor Name Tim Narber

Commentor County 40

Commentor State IN

Commentor City North Vernon

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I applaud the efforts. I know there is a large contingency that would like crossbows in the general archery season. I also applaud you on the elimination of the closed deer season after the general gun season.

Since we are opening up the UDZ to prior to archery season, and are looking at adding crossbows.PLEASE push back the general gun season to the Saturday before Thanksgiving, and CUT the gun season by 7 days, Alos the ML season needs to sbortened by 7 days.

Time stamp 01/13/2011 07:14:23 PM

Commentor Name Tyler Cushing

Commentor County 2

Commentor State IN

Commentor City fort wayne

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I would like to thank the NRC for the preliminary adoption and would like to ask that the NRC move forward with the permanent adoption of the proposed rule changes for Indiana deer hunting. Thanks to you deer hunting keeps getting better in our state. I ask that you act as quickly as possible. Thanks for your time.

Tyler Cushing

Time stamp 01/13/2011 07:28:22 PM

Commentor Name Lyman Morris

Commentor County Out of State

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Monroe

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I am full support of a "bundle" package for harvesting deer. This would appeal to hunters who may be reluctant to harvest antlerless deer after harvesting a buck. Droprocessing fees have significantly increased and may contribute to individuals not harvesting does. Reducing total cost per deer via a bundle package is a great idea.

Introducing an antlerless only season will target overpopulation and address concerns from the insurance industry. For example, KY has an early muzzleloader season thats very effective. Implementing an early antlerless season prior to bow season and and youth season is an effective way to target antlerless deer. The deer are not "spooked" during this time and hunters should be very successful. In addition, a late antlerless only season will give hunters fair opportunity as well. Typically in the colder months deer will "pool" together and are not as spooked. Both of these opportunities will target overpopulation and not reduce firearm days. All firearms should be allowed during antlerless seasons.

The length of firearm season should be reduced significantly and pull pressure from the rut to improve the age structure of bucks. I suggest a firearm season similar to Illinois during the rut while introducing 2 extra antlerless seasons so total firearm oportunites are not reduced.

Crossbows regardless of ones age, should only be legal for those who are handicapped due to any physical limitation age, injury or disease related.

Time stamp 01/13/2011 08:22:23 PM

Commentor Name Barry Maddox

Commentor County 50

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Plymouth

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment With many reports of low deer sightings and below average deer harvest for 2010, when do we draw the line? Controlling the deer population is one thing but slaughtering it is another. We have people around us killing 50-60 deer with depredation permits for damage that is not even being caused by deer, it's RACCOONS! Deer don't pull down corn stalks, coons do. A special antlerless season is nonsense. Hunters are going to unite the more you implement these ridiculous rules that are being implemented for the insurance companies NOT for the good of Indiana wildlife and ethical hunters. Many of us are not shooting does anymore. I shot 1 buck this year and I know many others that did the same. If we aren't seeing the number of deer that we should be, we aren't going to kill them. Back off with the rules and let nature handle it. I highly disapprove with anymore rules that promote additional and pointless killing of deer!

Time stamp 01/13/2011 08:45:38 PM

Commentor Name Cody Query

Commentor County 63

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Petersburg

Commentor Organization none

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment In my opinion the proposed rules would do much harm to the future of deer hunting in Indiana. I feel that although there are areas of deer overpopulation much of the state is on a decline in deer numbers. Opening up extra seasons for antlerless deer and extending weapons will put a major hurt on areas that have seen a decline in numbers due to recent EHD outbreaks, drought, and severe winters.

I feel the policymakers should look at yearly harvest this year and see where we stand. If there is a decline, I don't think additional reduction of the herd is warranted. I would like to see more attention given to areas where numbers appear to be down. I know in Pike many of the hunters I talk to are experiencing lower sightings. I spend the entire year involved in deer and habitat and I can tell you #'s of antlerless deer especially are way down, yet there has been no change in the bonus antlerless tags allowed. EHD had a major effect in this area a couple of years ago. Rural areas such as this area don't require a herd reduction and changes to increase harvest could result in negative consequences. I believe if you'd wait one or two more years before implementing anything you will see a much smaller deer herd and lower harvests as a result.

I will not be supporting this legislation or voting for anyone supporting this legislation. Thanks, Cody Query

Time stamp 01/13/2011 10:31:24 PM

Commentor Name Kevin H Dice

Commentor County 2

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Fort Wayne

Commentor Organization None

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Well, in the 1990's, when bowhunters in this state passionately spoke about the difference between hand-drawn archery bows, and crossbows, our opinions fell on deaf ears, and I knew then that it was only a matter of time before the crossbow industry would buy their way into the field by any means necessary. CROSSBOWS ARE NOT BOWS!!!

If it can be cocked, held at full draw without effort, and aimed and fired like a gun, it belongs in gun season. Period.

Good job on caving into the gun lobby crying about any potential changes to the firearms season, too. Finally a positive rules change proposal comes along, something that would benefit all deer hunters in a positive way, and the commission pulls it before having a chance to explain its benefits to the general public. So if you are loathe to impose changes on one group, do not impose them on the majority of hard working archers, who devote themselves to their sport. Do not allow crossbows in the general archery season.

Time stamp 01/14/2011 04:14:24 AM

Commentor Name Ryan Altman

Commentor County 91

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Brookston

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I think that the whole state should be required to harvest a doe before a buck. This is an effective practice in surrounding states in deer management. If state can help establish drop off points for Hunters Helping Hungry this would be a win-win situation. The herd would benefit and also the needy.

Thanks

Ryan Altman

Brookston, IN

Time stamp 01/14/2011 04:13:25 AM

Commentor Name Kirk W. Smith

Commentor County 29

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Noblesville

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I hate to say it. But despite my original opposition over the years to crossbow inclusion into the archery season, I can no longer see

any logical reason not to include the crossbow where the modern compound is allowed.

Although I've shot compounds and crossbows my whole life, I usually only hunt with my stickbow. I might hunt a day or two with my Hawken. So, I've never been much for using the latest gear to make it easy in the first place.

But anyone that thinks there is any real advantage to a crossbow over a compound is fooling themselves. Whether you need to draw the string prior to shooting is moot. With today's compounds the let-off is so high that there is no problem drawing well in advance of most shot opportunities. Compare that to holding one of those heavy awkward crossbows as you wait for the shot!

As mentioned above, I am a bowhunter and will always hunt with a bow - a real bow! I've no desire to claim to be a bowhunter while using something other than what was understood as a bow for thousands of years.

On another note, I am concerned of how the extra antlerless season would be enforced. It would be very easy for someone to shoot an antlerless deer in one county that did not allow the late antlerless harvest and claim to have taken it in another county that allowed the late gun season.

Time stamp 01/14/2011 05:02:13 AM

Commentor Name Mary Dian Williams

Commentor County 52

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Denver

Commentor Organization landowner in Indiana

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I feel the rules are a move in the right direction. It allows for hunters to hunt regardless of firearm used. However, I would like to see a raise in prices on the out-of-state hunter licenses, ours is much lower than other states. Our population density is high enough that out-of-state hunters should be limited, and possibly a hunters ed course required. And of course we would benefit from the higher costs to the out of state hunters, as other states do.

Looking forward to next season and hunting with my family!

Time stamp 01/14/2011 06:31:30 AM

Commentor Name chris schneider

Commentor County 31

Commentor State IN

Commentor City mauckport

Commentor Organization farmer, Deer hunter

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I really think that this rule package will work better all around to help keep the herd in check as well as allow plenty of hunting opportunity for the hunter. Thanks for the efforts of all that are involved in putting these rules in place.

Time stamp 01/14/2011 07:20:39 AM

Commentor Name Gary L. Green

Commentor County 58

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Rising Sun

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment i would greatly support any rule change that allows "more" deere to be harvested for food as a means of controlling and reducing the unmanageable population in our area. They are a nusience, and cause way too much personal and property damage.

Time stamp 01/14/2011 08:02:37 AM

Commentor Name Curtis Haines

Commentor County 40

Commentor State IN

Commentor City North Vernon

Commentor Organization

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Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I firmly believe crossbows should not be added to early archery. They are basically a gun that shoots an arrow, therefore if anything allow crossbows during the 2 week firearms season. If they are added to the early archery season it will vastly increase hunting pressure which will push the deer to be very nocturnal before gun season even gets here which will decrease deer harvest instead of increasing them. Personally i know i am seeing fewer deer now so i don't believe the entire state needs to be pushed into killing more deer. If there must be a week antlerless season added i think it should be moved to early December to avoid killing stressed bucks that have already shed their antlers.

Time stamp 01/14/2011 10:32:52 AM

Commentor Name Phil Mize

Commentor County 7

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Nashville

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Much better proposal! Glad to see that early gun seasons in October have been eliminated!! Crossbows are a concern but probably an unfounded concern. Do not particularly like adding a antlerless only at the end of the year with gun. Maybe a few more deer will be taken here and there but the weather usually puts the fair weather hunters in a chair in the house. Do not expect big numbers to be taken but probably will see button buck harvest increase. Need to concentrate on the problem areas like Eagle Creek Park and other Urban areas (you are addressing Urban). There are many areas that do not have the kind of deer population that warrant a bonus tag of 4 deer and I think the state does not do a good job of getting deer populations correct or at least close. Overall effort from state = B-. Thanks

Time stamp 01/14/2011 10:54:39 AM

Commentor Name Joe Bender

Commentor County 49

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Indianapolis

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I am strongly opposed to the proposed crossbow season running together with archery they are not the same piece of equipment, I am fine with a crossbow season similar to a muzzleloader season, just not during the early archery. This equipment is as similar to a gun as it is with a bow having a scope, a trigger, and a stock maybe it can run with the gun season that would be ok with me.

Time stamp 01/14/2011 11:00:36 AM

Commentor Name Matthew Coe

Commentor County 29

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Fishers

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment 1. Please increase the price of tags for in-state (\$50) and out-of state (\$300) hunters, roughly 2 times the current cost, for an either sex tag and maintain the same cost for bonus antlerless tags. The raised cost will bring in additional revenue and promote hunting for does at the lesser cost. While resident hunters may be upset by the raised cost I think everyone would be happy to pay and see the out of state hunters take the brunt of the raise in prices. The hunter's that truly may struggle to pay the \$50 as an in-state fee would be allowed to take the antlerless tag at the unadjusted current rate.

2. Please have the antlerless season as an early season as to promote actual doe discrimination vs button bucks, as bucks will be larger and antlerless after the regular season and harvested at a similar rate.

3. Move to the "Earn-a-Buck or Pay" for Urban Zone hunting, meaning either take a doe or pay twice the tag amount for a Buck first.

Time stamp 01/14/2011 11:27:37 AM

Commentor Name Andy Cordonnier

Commentor County 78

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Florence

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I am very supportive of the new changes. I currently hunt with a bow, shotgun, and muzzleloader on 53 acres in Switzerland county. I like adding crossbows and will use one as soon as it is legal. I like crossbows for my 70 year old dad who can no longer shoot a regular bow and my son who is not big enough to shoot a bow well enough for deer. Crossbows are good for people who live in the city and can't practice regularly.

I like the extra does season so my boys can hut and not miss school during Christmas break. We can use this season to get extra does to donate for hunters for the hungry program and help to reduce the herd in our area.

The ground blind rule is unclear for tower stands. Does a stand 6' off the ground with wood walls, door & roof count as a ground blind? Please make the rule clearer.

I recommend passing these rules for the 2011 season. I am also glad the original proposals to the deer season was NOT approved. I think you got things right this time!

Time stamp 01/14/2011 12:32:33 PM

Commentor Name Brandon Miller

Commentor County Out of State

Commentor State OH

Commentor City Hamilton

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I would like to comment that I fully agree with the new proposals. I was concerned with the previously proposed changes because in my mind I seen it as a way of hurting our recruitment of new hunters. Living in a state where gun availability for deer is very limited I truly look forward to coming "home" to hunt with family as much as possible. Its nice to see that hunters and not just the bow toting antler worshippers were listened too. Keep up the good job.

Time stamp 01/14/2011 01:07:44 PM

Commentor Name Joseph D. Bell

Commentor County 49

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Indianapolis

Commentor Organization Self

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Thank you for listening to the feedback from Indiana hunters. I am in favor of all of the items in the updated proposal. I think you have made some very wise decisions that will help to manage the state's deer population. I also feel that you have added more opportunities for those that wish to hunt deer in Indiana.

Thank you for all of your hard work and dedication. I am sure this has not been an easy process for anyone involved, but I firmly believe you have made the right decisions.

Time stamp 01/14/2011 02:07:13 PM

Commentor Name Glenn Terry wilson

Commentor County 15

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Lawrenceburg

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Glad to see Indiana propose the use of crossbows. I had a stroke in May 2010 and find it difficult to use a bow and draw it back and hold for a shot.

I feel the use of crossbows would keep from wounding deer and easier to track. I am a current resident of Indiana. I believe I could use a crossbow with a string cranking device with no problem.

Time stamp 01/14/2011 02:17:39 PM

Commentor Name P.J. Burns

Commentor County 84

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Terre Haute

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment The firearm season in the state should not be a total of 40 days. There are to many gun huters in the woods now shooting at anything and everything that moves . How in the world will this improve the quality of whitetails in the state? Come to think of it ,maybe all this nonsense doesn't have a thing to do with our states greatest resource. Something to think about.

Time stamp 01/14/2011 03:01:30 PM

Commentor Name Donald Elpers

Commentor County 82

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Evansville

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Please reconsider the earn a buck proposal for urban zone deer hunting. Just because some idiots buck hunt in urban zones does not mean we all hunt that way. I would sure hate to hunt in late September and have to pass that 12 point buck because of such a rule. Please do not punish me, gun hunters do not have to kill a doe before a buck in the urban zone nor do muzzleloader hunters. Thank you

Time stamp 01/14/2011 03:22:42 PM

Commentor Name Paul Andry

Commentor County 59

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Paoli

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Our deer numbers are not that high. Outside of the urban areas, our deer numbers seem about right. They are not malnourished, and outside of the urban areas, none of them are eating flowers out of yards or anything like that. This is a dangerous movement to reduce the numbers so drastically. The pendulum can swing too far in the opposite direction very quickly. We need our DNR and NRC to get out and watch the deer herd instead of just analyze a few numbers.

Also, I think you backed too far off of the previous proposal. It was hated by the public because you tried to cut the modern firearms season nearly in half.

It seems to me that the only things that rcally need to be done are as follows.

-The one continuous bow season is great! Go with it.

-The modern firearms needs to move into the last week of November and the first week of December. This allows a few more weeks of unmolested breeding and gives the gun hunters more incentive to hunt the late season patterns will does will be an easier target (for slight reduction) and bucks will be killable but not nearly as vulnerable.

Time stamp 01/14/2011 03:51:19 PM

Commentor Name Rick Clough

Commentor County 23

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Newtown

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment The point I do not support in the current proposals is the fact that an archer would have to purchase a designated crossbow license to hunt during the archery season as well as the current archery tag if they chose to hunt with either weapon? That would be like asking firearms hunters to purchase designated tags if they chose to hunt with a shotgun, rifle, handgun, or muzzleloader during the firearms season. An archer

should be able to use any legal weapon during archery season just as a firearms hunter should be able to use any legal weapon during firearms season.

Thank you for letting me express my opinion.

Rick Clough

Time stamp 01/14/2011 04:48:20 PM

Commentor Name William Patrick

Commentor County 69

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Versailles

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment To Whom It May Concern:

I just wanted to say all the rules I do not mind for the least bit, however there are 2 issues I wanted to talk about: Deer Season Lengths and Lifetime license.

I wanted to say that in order for our state to become known for large antlered whitetails we must reduce the amount of time we pressure these whitetails. Look at states such as Iowa and Illinois and the length of their firearm season. I believe by shortening the gun seasons by just 7 days we could greatly increase the amount of mature whitetails not only seen but harvested.

I also wanted to comment on the license bundles. I am in favor of these but why not even attempt to bring back the lifetime license, I am a college student and spend roughly 75-100 dollars a year on tags alone. In the midst of one of the most historical and crucial financial times that we have seen since the great depression of the 30's, shouldn't we implement these license back into the hands of Hoosiers and reward those individuals that are dedicated to this great sport we love.

Just a consideration

Billy

Time stamp 01/14/2011 05:45:18 PM

Commentor Name Jerry Rowland

Commentor County 69

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Batesville

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I support the new deer proposal as it continues to expand the oportunities for all hunters. The addition of a crossbows in the regular archery season is long overdue. I am also a part time farmer and I think we should be very cautious with the liberalized harvesting of does. The northern portion of Ripley county is not overpopulated with deer and we need to make sure we are not over harvesting our deer herd. It appears to me that the over population is associated with urban areas and a lack of hunter access to specific areas.

Time stamp 01/14/2011 05:48:20 PM

Commentor Name Jack Cordonnier

Commentor County 78

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Markland

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I support the new rules especially the crossbow season. I also like the additional doe season. This package seems to make sense.

I am glad you did not approve the previous deer season rules.

Time stamp 01/14/2011 05:53:03 PM

Commentor Name Zac Moore

Commentor County 21

Commentor State IL

Commentor City Connersville

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I think dnr is trying to hard to cut the deer herd down. There where more deer around here 5 years ago then there are now. Part of that being you have out of state hunters with money coming over and locking up hundreds and hundreds acres of land which is why alot of hunters are calling it quits. If this is all about money then how about you raise the prices for out of state hunters to come over here cheap and screw people that live in this state. I have sein the i dont how many times it is stupid in my opinion something should be done about this other than worrying bout the deer population because cut down on the out of state hunters and you get more indiana hunters that shoot does and bucks. Out of state hunters i would say 80 percent buck only. Lets see if you have lets say 400 out of state hunters each fill there buck tag and are done ok there is 400 dead bucks but you have 400 hundred indiana hunters each of them take a buck and a doe there is 800 dead deer. I no some out of state hunters take does (not many do) and i no some indiana hunters are buck only but the way the economy is in indiana people are much more worried about feeding there familys other than taking a big buck. Just my opion on all of this garbage that dnr is tryin to pull. And one more thing have u ever thought about bringing lifetime liscense back....even if you just bring it back for a month or two for a one time only people will buy the crap out of them 1000 liscense 10000 people buy them and that is way low it would be four to 5 times that maybe more but with just 10000 that is 10 million dollars...that money would help everyone wont be a long term solution but it will get are head out of water.

Time stamp 01/14/2011 06:55:42 PM

Commentor Name Nathan Ryan Denman

Commentor County 48

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Anderson

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I can only speak for the areas that I hunt and commute. The deer heards in Madison county are not near as large as in recent past. I am a bowhunter and rarely hunt with a firearm. Only a small handful of deer presented me with the opportunity to take them this past season. I would like to know where the surveys are conducted on deer heard numbers. In the rural areas around county roads, I have seen zero deer hit by automobile. I have seen some deer hit along I69, however. The area that had the most numbers is within a quarter mile both directions on I69 of a wildlife refuge. I would also like to know how many wildlife refuges are along highways and innerstates. The deer numbers in those areas will be far greater than others, as they are not allowed to be hunted. If we are going to take car of a problem, at least let us take care of the problem where it exists. Open the wildlife refuges to a very short private or special hunt. Or do away with property tax breaks for landowners that designate their properties as wildlife sanctuaries. Another thing to think about is coyote numbers. I have seen as many coyotes while deer hunting as I have deer. There was actually a coyote, that I witnessed, in the parking lot of the Anderson Public Library at mid day. My cousin saw one last year near the Dunkin Donuts downtown Anderson. I will be doing my part to thin them down in the next couple months. Please take my comments into consideration when changing laws. I have no problem with rule changes, as long as it doesn't make a new, much worse problem.

Thank you very much for your consideration,

Nate Denman

Time stamp 01/14/2011 08:51:32 PM

Commentor Name Michael Robert Coolidge

Commentor County 10

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Charlestown

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Changing the crossbow season to the entire archery season is the right thing to do, it will help manage the deer population and help the economy.

Time stamp 01/15/2011 02:42:40 AM

Commentor Name William matt Super

Commentor County 47

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Bedford

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I OPPOSE Crossbow hunting other than handicap hunters !

Time stamp 01/15/2011 03:28:01 AM

Commentor Name John K. Haendiges

Commentor County 31

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Ramsey

Commentor Organization N/A

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I have read and understand the proposed changes in the deer hunting regs, and am in favor of all said changes. I particularly welcome the addition of the crossbow to the archery season as means of increasing opportunity and hunter participation in IDNR's efforts to manage our state's game populations. I have hunted with a somewhat long recurve up until now with limited success due to it's encumbrance in the brushy conditions under which I normally hunt, and tree stand huting with one is next to impossible unless a shooting rail is absent. The ground blinds referenced in the proposed changes deny the use of longer bows as well, and I also welcome the changes to their status. I've pinned a blaze toboggan to mine as a safety measure since I first began using them, it's about time the rest of us saw the wisdom of this. The additional opportunities that the proposed changes grant to our youth are long overdue, and will enhance recruitment of them for our future. Kudos to IDNR and NRC for this much needed step, and shame on the organized sporting organization "stakeholders" for impeding them this long.

Time stamp 01/15/2011 05:13:51 AM

Commentor Name David Hicks

Commentor County 47

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Springville

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment In regards to the proposed rules changes for deer hunting, the only issue I am opposed to is the legalizing of crossbows for early archery season. I feel that this is a huge disservice to those who bowhunt with regular hand-drawn archery equipment. It is common knowledge that bowhunting is a difficult endeavor, hence the reasoning for granting bowhunters both a lengthy season as well as an early season before those who hunt with firearms take to the field.

Using harvest statistics from a state such as Ohio that allows crossbows alongside regular archery equipment, it is readily apparent that crossbow hunters' harvest equals or exceeds the harvest of bowhunters. With a doubling of the archery/crossbow harvest, what changes will result once the deer herd has been reduced to a level deemed appropriate by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources? Since I don't believe that the DNR will remove crossbows once they've allowed them, I foresee only two choices for the DNR at that time: shorten the archery season or limit the number of archery licenses. Neither option will be acceptable to bowhunters. According to many hunters here in Indiana, we've already reached the point where deer sightings and harvest numbers have either stabilized or started to decline.

I personally feel that the inclusion of crossbows throughout the entire season is a benefit only to crossbow manufacturers. In fact, at least one manufacturer was offering employees of states' game management agencies crossbows at 50% off wholesale prices as "part of a national effort to support states friendly to crossbow hunting, such as Ohio, and to win over states that aren't." That sounds like a clear violation of ethics in my opinion, even though the Ohio Ethics Commission ruled that it was not when the Columbus Dispatch newspaper questioned the offering of cheap crossbows to the ODNR's 2000+ employees. (<http://www.bowsite.org/bowsite/menue/NEWS/GETNEWS.CFM?ID=973>) I'm curious as to how the manufacturers will approach the IDNR.

The Pope and Young Club, which "advocates and encourages responsible bowhunting by promoting quality, fair chase hunting, and sound conservation practices", strongly opposes crossbow seasons which run concurrent with regular archery seasons:

"The Pope and Young Club does not consider the crossbow to be a hunting bow and will not accept any trophies collected by crossbow hunters. Further, the Pope and Young Club considers the use of crossbows during bowhunting seasons to be a serious threat to the future of bowhunting. The Pope and Young Club therefore recommends the crossbow should not be considered for use in any bowhunting only season. Also, the Club strongly recommends that crossbow hunting be abolished from all existing bowhunting only seasons and the use of crossbows for hunting be restricted to firearms seasons."

I feel that a compromise could be developed regarding crossbows, such as allowing the season on them to run from the start of firearms season to the end of late archery season, and even through the current closed season between firearms season and muzzleloader seasons. If they are allowed

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in early archery season, I could support them being used in urban deer zones by anyone, or statewide by youth hunters only. I just cannot support their use by the general public statewide during that same time frame.

Thank you for your consideration of my opinions.

Time stamp 01/15/2011 08:21:13 AM

Commentor Name cynthia rothrock

Commentor County 84

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Terre Haute

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I wish to state that I feel that allowing crossbows to be used during the archery season is going to have more negative effects than positive. If crossbows are going to be allowed at all, for the non-disabled, then place the crossbow season for the same dates as the firearm/muzzle loader seasons. An earlier proposal was to shorten the firearm seasons, which I think would have been very beneficial towards the efforts to reduce the deer population. Shortening the seasons and allowing the deer to return back to their normal patterns provides hunters more and better opportunities at harvesting deer. With increased hunting pressure by adding crossbow hunting throughout archery season and allowing the firearm seasons to remain the same number of days, the deer not only will be much more stressed, which has it's own consequences, they will become nocturnal, which means less harvest opportunities. More is not always better and I think Indiana DNR needs to realize this sooner rather than later. I personally do not feel adding a crossbow season to Indiana will be beneficial. I also believe that the DNR doesn't believe it is beneficial either but is being pressured into it by outside forces. I have heard that even though it has been stated that there will be a crossbow license requirement that this is not going to be a rule, that once crossbows are allowed into the allowable weapons that it will only require a archery license and not a newly established crossbow license. Thank you for allowing me to comment.

Time stamp 01/15/2011 10:35:55 AM

Commentor Name Robert W Hyde

Commentor County 49

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Indianapolis

Commentor Organization Hunting Indiana

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I would be in favor of this rule. It appears to me to be much more equitable than that which was presented last year,

Thank you for such positive revisions.

Time stamp 01/15/2011 11:13:34 AM

Commentor Name Craig Prince

Commentor County 36

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Brownstown

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Does anyone care about bowhunters? having a earlier gun season makes it harder for bowhunters even if its just for does and allowing people to use crossbows is a joke and a slap in the face to real archers everywhere!!!!!!!!!!!!

Time stamp 01/15/2011 07:06:23 PM

Commentor Name tim butcher

Commentor County 49

Commentor State IN

Commentor City indianapolis

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I am in favor of the new proposed rules as I wasn't on the prior package. My only concern is the cost of a deer license. Not only do I feel this way, but everyone I hunt with and also those that hunt deer. For example: if a hunter does not fill his antler tag during firearms season,

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then one should be allowed to use it during muzzleloader. You have to understand, once I purchase all my license for the entire deer season, I'm paying \$96. I also have to purchase a license for my son. Then if I want to hunt turkeys during the fall, I can't use my spring tag if I wasn't successful. For us, we call this greed. Not everyone has private land to hunt on, so the task of door knocking is futile at best. So many landowners will just say no, even the farmers once you tell them you will take out as many coyotes as one can, still say no. So when your hunting on public land with so many other hunters, the chances of tagging a deer that is worth taking is limited at best. Please make it so that one tag can be used for both firearm and muzzleloader. Thanks

Time stamp 01/15/2011 08:06:00 PM

Commentor Name Eric S. Williams

Commentor County 41

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Whiteland

Commentor Organization QDMA

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Very disappointed in the new proposal. Crossbows are not archery equipment and should not be included in early archery season. Firearms and muzzleloaders seasons need to be shortened and moved later as is done in Illinois and Ohio (progressive management). We are putting too much firearms pressure on our Indiana herd. Also, urban areas need to be expanded, I live in northern Johnson County (700N) and the herd is expanding with little chance to firearms hunt (too many houses). Areas north of 500N in Johnson County should be considered urban.

Time stamp 01/16/2011 04:09:18 AM

Commentor Name Debra S. Vice

Commentor County 36

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Seymour

Commentor Organization none

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment My husband lives for bowhunting. He stopped gun hunting deer some twenty years ago because of the mindsets of those he encountered in the woods. I feel much more at ease when he leaves the house to bowhunt than I did back then.

My understanding is anyone that wants to hunt in archery season already can. They can become bowhunters. Those with the drive probably do. Those without the drive need not be rewarded with an easier alternative.

I ask you to remove the crossbow provision from this proposal. It would be better suited in gun season. Then, if a gun hunter wanted to use one, he could.

Thank you for your time.

Time stamp 01/16/2011 05:36:21 AM

Commentor Name Casey Finnegan

Commentor County 15

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Dillsboro

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment The firearm season should be only 9 days!!!

The out of state tag should be raised to around 400.00 like IL.

These two suggestions would make for safer hunting.

Time stamp 01/16/2011 07:47:41 AM

Commentor Name Cary Sporinsky

Commentor County 45

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Griffith

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I am strongly against allowing crossbows the same season length as archery. Current restrictions have been in place for valid reasons.

Thank you. Please do not pass this rule change.

Cary Sporinsky

Time stamp 01/16/2011 08:31:33 AM

Commentor Name David Bratcher

Commentor County 13

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Marengo

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I wanted to know where you got 144 square inches from for the minium amount of orange on a ground blind. I have 2 manufactured blinds made by ameristep and both of these blinds do not have sides that are 144 square inches to begin with. I do not have a problem with the hunter orange just with the fact that if this pass's i cannot use 2 brand new ground blinds at cost over \$200 because they are not big enough for the minium amount being allowed.

Time stamp 01/16/2011 08:53:37 AM

Commentor Name Michael Hoehn

Commentor County Out of State

Commentor State GA

Commentor City Canton

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Being a nonresidence the cost to hunt just the rifle season is all I can afford. Also, I have family in Kentucky that hunts in Indiana and they feel the same. If there was a combination license that included bow, rifle & black powder would be great and maybe include a doe tag. Reduce price for a combination would be great for something like this. I think I have to pay \$25 if I want to take a doe. Include a doe with nonresidence license. I grew up in Indiana and I love to hunt there when I visit. I have been hunting back in Indiana since the rifle season started up. I have not taken a deer but if I had more season and open to a doe would be great. In Indiana I have many family & friends that are farmers that want the deer population reduced.

Hope this helps!

Thanks from Georgia

Mike

Time stamp 01/16/2011 10:03:06 AM

Commentor Name Charles M. Evans

Commentor County 51

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Shoals

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I now like these rule changes. They make sense if your going to control the deer herds. Add crossbow is great to bow season. I am getting old, have physical problems, and haven't bow hunted in the past few years. Was going to try and get a handicap license for bow season to use a cross bow. If you pass the law,,I won't have to. I like the way you did the Dec. Late Gun season as well. Quit the jacking around and get it done and be over with. Your not going to please everybody anyhow. All of this does make better sense to me.

Thanks

Time stamp 01/16/2011 01:37:05 PM

Commentor Name victor hernandez

Commentor County 57

Commentor State IN

Commentor City avilla

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment the cross bow rule what happen to those of us that can't use a regular bow due having a handicap are we going to be forced to by the special license or how is that going to be handled the rule change as written is not very clear and as far as ground blinds having orange on them well for a lack of better words that is just about the stupidest thing i have ever heard i believe it will be a night mare to enforce and a lot of good people will get burned if it dose become law and is not publicly broadcast on a large scale .

Time stamp 01/16/2011 08:55:13 PM

Commentor Name Garrett Burkett

Commentor County 75

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Ora

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I shoot as many deer that I'm allowed or that will allow me. I think that the tag bundle proposal is a neat idea.

Time stamp 01/16/2011 09:47:31 PM

Commentor Name Chuck Hamer

Commentor County 63

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Oakland City

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I am in full support of the newly proposed rules for the 2012 Indiana deer season. They should do exactly what is needed to help out the areas in our state that has over population problems. Full inclusions of crossbows to the early archery season is a welcome method of hunting deer in my opinion. It is long over do I feel. I applaud the IDNR efforts in using the states hunters input with the process of creating the states wildlife and game laws. I appreciate all the effort required by the IDNR through out this process.

Chuck Hamer

587E CR775S

Oakland City, IN 47660

Time stamp 01/16/2011 10:41:20 PM

Commentor Name Jeremy Shireman

Commentor County 31

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Corydon

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I think the new set of proposals is much better than the first set. The only thing I think needs to be changed is there is no need for a crossbow license. The archery license we have now would be just fine and hunters could use either type of archery equipment. I would also like to see the firearms tag be ether sex just like the other tags. this would go a long way to help increase the antlerless harvest.

Time stamp 01/17/2011 05:10:27 AM

Commentor Name Mark Meadows

Commentor County 23

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Hillsboro

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I've been a deer hunter since the 70's. I remember what it was like to hunt deer and maybe see 10 deer all season (archery and gun)We have one of the most liberal gun seasons in the lower 48. I've had the pleasure of watching our deer numbers grow. I realize that we are harvesting record numbers of deer every year, but we have more hunter afield and a lot better equipment. Archery numbers are up because of the modern compound. Muzzleloader harvest is up because of vastly improved muzzleloaders. Same with shotguns. I think there are trying to put the

whitetail deer an endangered list. Here in Fountain County where i hunt my deer numbers have been getting smaller and smaller. I have not shot a doe in 4 years because my numbers have been down. I own an archery shop and here constantly from customers deer numbers are getting smaller. As far as the crossbow, any weapon that is cock and loaded is a accident waiting to happen. The general public thinks a crossbow is just like a gun, its not you still have to judge yardage. Think this is a big mistake. I think we will have alot more wounded deer. I realize the DNR needs more funds, but if you make a lottery for a second buck tag charging 50.00 or ?. i think u would be surprised of the interest. With the 1 buck rule we are harvesting more mature bucks, but leasing is my number 1 complaint. Many farmers are leasing ground to people who only shoot bucks. We all know thats not how to make a healthy deer herd. I can not speak for other counties but 8 doe in my county is to many. I'm afraid of a major outbreak of EHG and it would be terrible to an unhealthy deer herd. I love this sport. Thanks For letting me comment, Mark
Time stamp 01/17/2011 06:20:31 AM

Commentor Name Joe Bacon
Commentor County 49
Commentor State IN
Commentor City indianapolis
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email Email Commentor

Comment While this proposed rule has a couple good points, ground blinds and you provision it will do nothing to reduce the deer herd. Archery season was created for those looking for a close hunting experience with a tool that takes serious dedication to practice year round. Adding crossbow for everyone makes it no different than a gun season for many, pick it up the day before season check your scope and go ot the next morning or the same afternoon. Deer hunters are all the same be it gun or bow, they are looking to kill a deer with antlers. Does will not be shot in numbers needed to reduce the herd or slow down car accidents in early archery if both bucks and does are allowed. Bucks that are taken during the early archery will not slow auto accidents as another buck will be chasing the doe when she is in heat. This proposal is nothing more than another "opportunity" and license sale. As we all know this is not a five year trial for crossbow it is a permanent fixture. I oppose crossbow usage beyond the limitations in the first proposal.

My next comment is on the increase of case length for pistol caliber rifles. Years ago pistols were introduced as a opportunity, at that time I cautioned DNR that we opening a door to wildecating rounds. WE(sportsmen) were assured it would be limited to specific rounds. That lasted a few years, a biologist working for DNR owned a Contender pistol in .243 caliber and wanted to use it in deer season. The rule was changed for his benefit! We move forward and muzzleloaders were/are produced using modern powder and having ranges out to 300 yards, hardly the short to mid range tools IDNR claims it wants deer hunting to be. Recently Indiana approved the pistol caliber rifles(PCRF), again there was concern that this would open the door to more long range calibers. AGAIN we were assured it would be specific calibers in a straight wall case. People commented, adn when finally adapted the "straight wall case" was dropped and just a case length used to define the legal round. In two short years we have wilcat rounds equal to factory 30.06 rifle rounds, now we are asking for more case length. All this accomplishes is longer range and faster projectiles. This is cloaked under a new "straight wall" pistol round the .460 S&W.

Presently in Indiana I can legally hunt all but deer turkey and waterfowl with my centerfire rifles of any caliber. Why not deer? Many states allow the statewide usage or zone usage of these rifles. Pennsylvania commisioned a study of rifles, shotguns and muzzleloaders to determine the safety concerning ricochet of bullets. It was determined a shotgun slug is much more likely to travel farther after hitting the ground or another obstacle.

I and many others find it difficult to fathom that we are discriminated against in a gun season that allows centerfire rounds in pistols and some rifles yet traditional centerfire rifles are not allowed. My son shoots a Savage Stricker pistol with a 16 inch barrel in .308 caliber for deer. The projectile is exiting the barrel at 100 feet per second less than it would in a 24 inch barrel(2850fps), I am not allowed to use my 30.06 rifle which has less speed than his pistol? This is how screwed up our rules have become!

I could hunt any small came or legal predators(coyote and fox) anywhere in the state with a centerfire, yet deer are not legal. As a citizen I and others should not be required to purchase another rifle when we have ballistic wise the same rifle in our gun case today. If you want a deer reduction allow people to use the most efficient tool out there in both stopping power and distance a rifle in .243 caliber and above. Don't restrict the usage to only those with the expendable cash to have a custom rifle built that meets a pistol caliber rifle rule. A rule that written then changed to accomodate wilcat rounds. The disparity is shown in the purchase price of a legal caliber today, the .358 will cost \$1200.00 for a bare rifle. The 30.06 new will be less than \$400.00.

Please stop the continuous rewriting of calibers legal and just pick a minimum caliber. The .243 meets the criteria, it has less recoil than most of the rounds legal today and would be perfect for allowing more women and children to hunt during the general firearm season.

Thank you for your attention to these matters.

On a side note, The DNR had it right on the first proposal. Less buck hunting days equals more antlerless deer killed. It should show that hunters aren't concerned with management of the resource, it is all about opportunity.

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Joe Bacon
Time stamp 01/17/2011 07:33:48 AM

Commentor Name Keith Coley
Commentor County 60
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Spencer
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment Would like to see 45-70 and 444 marlin included as a legal rifle's for Deer. They have the same range as some of the modern muzzle loaders. Thank you ...Keith
Time stamp 01/17/2011 08:09:13 AM

Commentor Name JOHNNIE KAUFFMAN
Commentor County 20
Commentor State IN
Commentor City MIDDLEBURY
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment Deer Hunting with a crossbow should be left the way it was!!!
I know you are trying to generate more money but will ruin Bow season
also deer "check in" is a joke!
people abuse it and never buy more tags!
have a call in system where you have to call in to recieve a tag # to record similar to what Kentucky has
Time stamp 01/17/2011 08:50:45 AM

Commentor Name Gerald eads
Commentor County 36
Commentor State IN
Commentor City seymour
Commentor Organization IBA
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment I dont support NRC's new deer proposal. I believe that they should let the DNR manage our deer herd without political input. The people making the decisions have no wildlife management experience. The department of natural resources make these important decisions regarding the future of our deer herd.
Time stamp 01/17/2011 10:03:18 AM

Commentor Name Jesse R. Carnley
Commentor County 31
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Corydon
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment I fear that the state may be taking herd reduction too far. Please stop with these liberal county limits on doe. And why keep adopting new cases for the PCR's? Make centerfire rifle cartridges .243 and larger legal. It would be great for youth and smaller framed hunters.

I think we are making changes in the right direction with this one. I am all for hunter opportunity. But again I think you should really keep an eye on the "herd reduction" please don't take it too far.
Time stamp 01/17/2011 12:07:12 PM

Commentor Name Justin
Commentor County 47

Commentor State IN
Commentor City Bedford
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment I oppose adding crossbows the entire season
Time stamp 01/17/2011 03:40:00 PM

Commentor Name Jameson Olson
Commentor County 35
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Huntington
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment NRC,

I am writing in STRONG opposition of introducing crossbows to the early archery season. I feel this will be a backwards step in deer management and will be detrimental to the deer herd. The new set of proposals, in my opinion, will accomplish the exact opposite of what the DNR originally said they wanted to accomplish with deer management. I want to see the DNR and trained staff of professionals manage our deer population, not the legislature. However, the current proposals seem to be driven by legislature pressure. There's a reason Indiana isn't mentioned when hunters speak of whitetail states to hunt and the current proposals would make things worse.

Time stamp 01/18/2011 05:14:06 AM

Commentor Name Braden Willman
Commentor County 49
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Indianapolis
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment Natural Resource Committee, January 17, 2011

I am writing this letter to express my concerns over the new deer hunting proposal. (Proposal #2). After some research, I was told that your committee was where I should start.

I am currently a practicing dentist here in Indiana with a degree in Conservation Biology; Range, Wildlife and Forestry. Hence my great interest in the outdoors and conservation of our resources.

I too am an active hunter and outdoorsman. I am a native Hoosier. I own farms in Posey and Putnam counties. Having spent several years in Nevada and Colorado working on trout population studies and Elk Management, I became very interested in the biological aspects to herd management. Returning to Indiana I was amazed to see how liberal the deer hunting season is here in Indiana. For the past 10 years I have been perplexed as to why there are so many days of hunting allowed. Not only this, but in Indiana, hunters are allowed to harvest deer with a FIREARM during the peak breeding period for these animals. Nearly all other states I have encountered have deliberately positioned their Firearm seasons out of this peak breeding window to reduce the harvest number of immature males or (bucks). This action alone allows the herd more diversity and in turn helps the herd "regulate" itself.

I understand from some of the conversations that I have had, that some people are concerned that Indiana will become "trophy focused". I believe that other states, such as Iowa, Illinois, and Ohio due produce larger bucks. But this is not the intention. This is a result of moving their firearms seasons out of the peak breeding phase which is critical. Uneducated people don't understand that a healthy diverse herd will do better at regulating itself. From my observations here, we do not have a good ratio of mature bucks to immature bucks. Essentially there are not enough older bucks to help regulate the herd and prohibit the younger buck from breeding "at will". You need mature bucks to establish a hierarchy or alpha male to keep the smaller bucks from breeding. This will result in overall herd reduction, and a healthier more diverse herd. The best way to achieve this is to move the firearms season later in the season. Preferably December. I have never understood why Indiana allows such long seasons and structured with the Firearms in the peak breeding time.

Along came the new deer proposal. Known as the "original proposal" or "proposal #1". After reading it, I was ecstatic! Finally, I thought. The biologist's are finally starting to manage this heard. The two most important factors were addressed. One, a reduction in the number of days for firearms, and moved a week later to help some of the diversity we need. I do admit, a week even later would have been better. No Firearms until December would be more ideal.

Then all of the sudden, 10 steps backwards. This proposal was thrown out and replaced with a new proposal, so called "proposal #2" that not only negates all the progress the initial proposal gave us. But now even moves in a more liberal direction, allowing crossbow's during the traditional bow season. What happened?

I am a conservationist first, hunter second. Introducing crossbows to archery season will in effect allow the gun hunter mentality to last all season. As a firearm hunter, I am interested in filling the freezer. I use deer to feed my family as we love to eat venison. Introducing crossbows will open up much controversy. Bow season is seen as a time when "you have the woods to yourself". Bow hunters have a different mentality. A different code of ethics. They are purists; enjoy the pursuit as much as the harvest. They are methodical and precise on every shot. Crossbows are essentially guns, and will bring the gun hunting mentality to the early fall.

Above all, I want a healthy deer herd that will be here for my kids and grandkids to enjoy. Whether they hunt or just observe. I understand a reduction in the number of does in the state may decrease motor vehicle accidents and possibly crop damage. However, every effort must be made to increase the opportunity a buck has to reach maturity. Efforts to harvest more Does should be applauded, efforts to harvest more bucks are reckless.

My concern is that this new proposal seems to be politically motivated vs. Biologically motivated. Why are we not listening to the experts (biologists)? Please do the right thing for our wildlife. Reduce the number of firearm days and absolutely move the firearms season out of November. If deer reduction is the goal. A concerted effort to harvest more Does must be the focus. The original proposal addressed all these issues. Please revisit this issue.

Three basic points:

1. Do not allow crossbows during archery season.
2. Move any firearms season out of November
3. Decrease the number of days to harvest bucks.

Regards,
Braden Willman

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Time stamp 01/18/2011 05:58:58 AM

Commentor Name Brian Joseph Hunt
Commentor County 84
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Terre Haute
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](mailto:bradenwillman@hotmail.com)

Comment I completely and 100% disagree with the proposed firearms season. Indiana is coming off it's 2nd record deer harvest and 78% of those deer were taken by firearm and hunters all over the place are seeing less and less deer each year. Many people I've talked to simply quit hunting in Indiana and are going to Illinois to hunt because of the length of the firearm season now. For people to buy a non-resident Illinois license and non-resident Illinois tags at the price of \$468.75 really speaks volumes to me about the state of Indiana's policies on deer hunting. I would like to see more time and energy spent in judging the birth to death ratio and making that public knowledge than just expanding the gun season. Illinois' gun season is a total of 16 days long and that state is commonly known for it's outstanding deer hunting. If Indiana wants to get into that category, I believe it would be in the best interests of the DNR officials to look at what Illinois is doing and work toward that, not against

it.

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Commentor Name Kevin stokes

Commentor County 54

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Ladoga

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I support the ideas for ground blinds but I don't beleave you should put the crossbow in archery season at best give it it's own season or put it in with firearms or muzzle loader

Time stamp 01/18/2011 10:02:34 AM

Commentor Name Michael Barry

Commentor County 56

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Demottte

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I'm not a strong proponant of the crossbow use during archery season. I believe crossbows should only be used by people not capable of pulling back the requiried 35lbs draw on a bow. Perhaps youths to the ages of 15 and adults over 50 could use the crossbow but for all those in between the ages of 15-50 should be using a bow (not included special exceptions i.e. medical).

Time stamp 01/18/2011 10:14:34 AM

Commentor Name Chad Zint

Commentor County 87

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Newburgh

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I am very pleased with the new deer hunting rules that have been proposed. I like everything that has been proposed, except for one thing. I feel that it is unfair to crossbow hunters to have to buy a special tag to hunt in the archery season. This is like making a hunter buy a special tag for either a shotgun, rifle, handgun, or muzzleloader during the firearm season.

All in all, I give the proposed rule changes two thumbs up.

Time stamp 01/18/2011 11:42:31 AM

Commentor Name Clarence Williams

Commentor County 87

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Newburgh

Commentor Organization Hunting Indiana

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I applaud the NRC and the IDNR for launching an active campaign to recruit new hunters with special youth hunts and the apprentice license. As we all know we must recruit new hunters, as well as retaining the older hunters, if hunting in Indiana is to survive.

I am writing to ask for your support of the proposal of full inclusion of crossbows during any of Indiana's hunting seasons that currently allow the use of a bow as a legal hunting tool.

There is clear and compelling evidence, from a growing number of states, that the expansion of the use of crossbows will offer significant positive benefits for the State of Indiana, from a hunter recruitment of youth, women and others. Crossbows also provides a great retention tool to keep the older bowhunter in the game. Even though we have a program to allow the physically challenged to use a crossbow some do not want to go to that expense and adopt a non-deserved stigma of "handicapped". Therefore an increasing number of older bowhunters just quit. Crossbows also can make a major impact from a fiscal standpoint and from a resource management standpoint.

The use of crossbows in the early archery season will help to harvest deer before the peak movement and deer and vehicle accidents increase.

Like so many other states, Indiana has been steadily losing hunters and the related revenue that hunting creates. The DNR depends on hunters to accomplish their management goals and declining numbers of hunters complicates this task. Fewer hunters also reduce the amount of revenue generated for the State and for the IDNR. Allowing the full inclusion of crossbows during archery seasons will help to reverse the trend of declining hunter numbers, with a number of ancillary benefits and without any negative impact on the resource.

As evidenced in a growing number of crossbow states (most recently Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Michigan, Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma & North Carolina) as well as Canadian provinces, the inclusion of crossbows in archery season will give us the opportunity to increase hunter participation, increase tourism, create new revenue streams and contribute to the responsible management of one of Indiana's most important public resources. I sincerely ask for you to support the proposal of full inclusion of crossbows and allow Indiana's hunters a choice when choosing which type of bow to use during Indiana's archery seasons.

Thanks you,

Clarence Williams

Time stamp 01/18/2011 02:32:06 PM

Commentor Name terry rottet

Commentor County 19

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Jasper

Commentor Organization Dubois County Sportsman

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I support the use of crossbows during the regular archery season.

This is a simple way to increase the deer harvest, and offer a new hunting opportunity to people who cannot shoot a long bow.

My wife would love to have the opportunity to harvest a deer with a crossbow during the regular archery season.

I am 50 years old and I would also like to use a crossbow during the regular archery season, I have been waiting a long time for this rule change and think it would benefit a lot of hunters to have this as an option to harvest deer in Indiana.

Thank you

Time stamp 01/18/2011 03:54:58 PM

Commentor Name Patty Rottet

Commentor County 19

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Jasper

Commentor Organization Dubois County Sportsman

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I am in support of using cross bows during regular archery season. I am 50 yrs old and I would love to be able to hunt in archery season but i am not strong enough to shoot a long bow and would love to be able to hunt with my husband, and use a cross bow. Thank you

Time stamp 01/18/2011 04:00:17 PM

Commentor Name Robert M Rudisill

Commentor County 87

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Boonville

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I am in agreement with the new proposals except I would have liked the new proposals to include an October muzzle loading season. I have hunted in Kentucky's early muzzle loader season and really enjoy it.

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Adding the crossbow to legal equipment during the early archery season will encourage more youth hunters and decrease the number of deer that are shot and not recovered. I have a handicap permit to use a crossbow and have firsthand experience with its proficiency. I know my grandson will be able to hunt this year using my crossbow whereas he wouldn't have been able to archery hunt under the current equipment rule. Thank you. The extra "doe only" December season is a step in the right direction to reduce our doe population.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my personal opinion on rule changes.

Time stamp 01/18/2011 04:17:56 PM

Commentor Name Steve Lemons

Commentor County Out of State

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Michigan City

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I do not want the use of crossbows for deer to be allowed for early archery season.

Time stamp 01/19/2011 04:21:54 AM

Commentor Name Dennis K. Showers

Commentor County 64

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Valparaiso

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I am a land owner and deer hunter in two counties-Porter and Starke. I have no issues with any of the rules changes. The deer population has grown over the years in my area and in my woods the browse is gone up to a height of around 7'. We need to reduce the herd. I regularly shoot 4 to 6 deer per year. As time passes however, I have become more interested in shooting bucks that have become mature. That is 4 years and older. I spend countless hours in the woods both hunting and recreating and I almost never see a deer of that age class. The problem is that we hunters shoot every one and two year old buck that comes along. The population consists of an un-natural balance of young bucks. I would like to regulate the age/size of the bucks taken. It could be point count, or even better, spread. This type of management has been done in other states successfully, although not without public outcry. When you look at the 'big buck states' one thinks Ohio, Illinois, Iowa and Kansas. What happened to Indiana? The answer is that we shoot anything with antlers on its head. You have stated that Indiana is not managing for trophy deer but why not? The state certainly has the ability to grow large deer. Trophy deer bring out of state hunters. If we adopted an 'Earn a deer' program I think that the harvest would go up. Now, without trophy deer there is no reason for out of state hunters to come here. I am personally going to begin spending hunting time in other states looking for the opportunity to shoot older deer.

I heard the rumor that Indiana was going to put a two year ban on bucks. I was very eager for that to happen but realized that it would never happen because the population could not stand it. The benefit would be a better balance of older deer in our herd. If we did ban a buck harvest for two years and then implemented a size restriction when bucks were again legal, the kill would go back to what it was, only older deer would be harvested. During the ban period, hunters would still be able to shoot does so perhaps the increase would not be so great as one would think. The buck kill would be replaced by a doe kill. Let young bucks take the place of does. The result would be a better balanced buck to doe ratio with older bucks in the population. Perhaps during the ban period we could allow older/size restricted bucks to be harvested.

Forgive the rambling but I am very passionate about deer and deer hunting and would very much like to see better quality animals. I have many ideas and variations on how the herd could be structured and managed. If there is anything that I might do, meetings that I might attend or comments that I might give please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully,

Dennis K. Showers

Time stamp 01/19/2011 09:23:22 AM

Commentor Name Rodney A Butzin

Commentor County 34

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Kokomo

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Commentor Organization**Commentor Email** [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Don't know how people will retrofit there ground blinds with hunter orange. The purpose of a ground blind is concealment and this will take that away! As long as the hunter is wearing orange , that should be enough!

Time stamp 01/19/2011 11:18:34 AM**Commentor Name** jeremy thompson**Commentor County** 26**Commentor State** IN**Commentor City** owensville**Commentor Organization****Commentor Email** [Email Commentor](#)

Comment crossbows should be able to be used all season under the regular archery licinse

Time stamp 01/19/2011 05:12:03 PM**Commentor Name** Clarence Williams**Commentor County** 87**Commentor State** IN**Commentor City** Newburgh**Commentor Organization** Hunting Indiana**Commentor Email** [Email Commentor](#)

Comment The Indiana Bowhunters Association will be meeting in February to conduct a Planning / Strategy Meeting on the DNR Deer Proposals basically to stop the Indiana hunting archers from having a choice of using a crossbow. There is no doubt that they will be having their membership send many pieces of input to the NRC and quite possibly their legislators as well. When this happens, please keep in mind that this group is less than 300 members and all that they represent is their own membership and not all of them.

To see what a majority of Indiana deer hunters want please refer to the Indiana DNR 2004 Crossbow Survey. The IDNR can provide you with a full report.

The 2004 survey was mailed to 19,429 Indiana deer hunters and, after a follow-up mailing, 8,344 hunters returned the survey.

49.5% supports crossbow usage in ANY archery segment

34.8% oppose crossbow usage in ANY archery segment

11.4 neither supported nor opposed

4.2 had no opinion

The latest online survey conducted by the IDNR also concluded that more people wanted to use crossbow in ALL archery seasons than didn't want them. This was in spite of the fact that several bowhunters went to national bowhunting forums to gather support to keep crossbows out of the archery seasons.

This is what the real Indiana deer hunters want. It is not driven by a group with an agenda to keep crossbows out of the early archery season.

Thank you,

Clarence Williams

Time stamp 01/19/2011 07:01:49 PM**Commentor Name** scott crouch**Commentor County** 76**Commentor State** IN**Commentor City** angola**Commentor Organization**

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment i agree with these changes i know people like don mulligan dont like them but for people like me that use state property i think its good i dont have unlimited acreage like he does to feed deer then hunt them on my own property please consider the use of bonus permits on state property like pigeon river marsh lake in the future

Time stamp 01/20/2011 07:50:44 AM

Commentor Name Aaron Arnold

Commentor County 55

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Martinsville

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I was very disappointed when I saw the new rule proposal. Please put something back in to improve our buck age structure. Shorten gun seasons or at least make them come in later in the year. An earn a buck rule for most counties in the state, along with a hunter funded deer donation program would help a lot with the antlerless harvest and buck age structure. You should have kept the original rule proposal. Just because some of these people didn't like it is no reason to scrap it. Someone will be unhappy no matter what changes are made. You guys are the biologists and know better than most of these people what the deer herd needs (improved buck/doe ratio and buck age structure). Please do something to help with all these one and a half year old bucks getting killed every year. I also do not like the allowance of antlered deer to be harvested during the youth season, because it will be widely abused by many people, claiming their kids killed the deer. I also request something be included in the hunting guide to encourage people to pass up button bucks and try to shoot does for antlerless deer. We have way too many button bucks getting killed by people trying to kill does. Please try to educate people on this. I like the license bundles. I also request that the firearms tag be an either sex tag. This would help with doe harvest and buck age structure because meat hunters would be able to take a doe without having to buy another license.

Time stamp 01/20/2011 12:55:58 PM

Commentor Name john e peterson

Commentor County 43

Commentor State IN

Commentor City syracuse

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment just wondering if something could be done about getting the land owners to allow hunting on there property. I can understand that farmers & landowners don't want there property destroyed or littered, but there's got to be a way to get property owners & hunters together on this. I had read on this site last month that they wanted the herd reduced even more, the two biggest problems were crop damage & car deer accidents. Well i hunt tri-county & every year for the past 3 years me & the guys i hunt with have seen less & less deer. We have asked atleast 75 landowners from south bend to warsaw & never even got a maybe. I don't agree with compensating for crop damage if nobody at all is allowed to hunt. We started goose hunting again and still they don't want you on there property. No i'm not some long haired drunken hilljack trying to get permission to hunt every critter on there land. Alls i'm saying is if you can't get landowners in the counties that have an abundance of deer to let selected public hunt there land then all your rule changes are'nt going to do much good. Also the insurance companies need to realize that every year there is more & more traffic on the road so of coarse the car deer collisions are'nt going to improve, especially if you have those areas that nobody can hunt but it's loaded with deer. If there is some way to get some kind of connection with the landowners & hunters it would be great.

Thank you for your time . john peterson

Time stamp 01/20/2011 03:16:15 PM

Commentor Name Jim Sweeney

Commentor County Out of State

Commentor State MI

Commentor City Traverse City

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment As an out of state deer hunter and crossbow user, I would strongly encourage Indiana to adopt the proposed rule change regarding crossbow use. It would encourage more out of state hunters like myself to visit Indiana and spend our tourist dollars there, as well as providing increased recruitment and retention for the ranks of Indiana Hunters. The other major benefits is increased revenues through license sales, increased Pittman-Robertson allocations for Indiana and millions of dollars in increased retail sales for Indiana sporting goods retailers. I strongly support the proposed changes.

Time stamp 01/20/2011 06:58:40 PM

Commentor Name Dustin Nichols

Commentor County 32

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Brownsburg

Commentor Organization n/a

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Dear members of the Natural Resources Commission,

I would like to express my discontent with the new proposed deer hunting regulations. I fully supported the first proposal in that it was a well thought out change, developed by several groups and professionals, which would specifically target high deer populations and help us achieve a well managed herd here in Indiana. As you well know, the first proposals were shot down due to the high number of complaints from numerous deer hunters, gun hunters in particular, who were upset that they would loose opportunity because the gun season was shortened by seven days. What these people failed to understand was that by shortening both firearms and muzzleloader season and moving them back a week, it would make their buck hunting experience much more rewarding and enjoyable in the long run. The effects of moving the gun seasons back and shortening them would take pressure off of the deer and allow many more bucks to reach maturity. There were also extra "antler less" seasons built into the first proposal which would specifically target our doe herd to bring the populations back in check.

I fear this second proposal will completely devastate the deer herd and hurt hunter's experiences significantly if passed into law. There are four key components of this second proposal that I have serious concern over. First up is allowing crossbows into the early archery season for anybody to use. What I know will happen is that many gun only hunters will run out and buy a crossbow and assume it has the same effectiveness as a gun. These people will not realize the limitations of a crossbow and will possibly injure and not recover as many or more deer than they actually kill and recover.

The second component that I am worried about is increasing the case length of pistol cartridge rounds from 1.625" to 1.8. I feel by approving this, we are moving dangerously close to allowing standard center fire rifle cartridges such as .270's, .300 winmag, etc. Allowing rifles of this caliber in our state would be very dangerous given the number of hunters, or topography, and the proximity of houses.

These new proposals also remove the five day hunting break between the end of firearms season and beginning of late archery/muzzleloader season. This break generally gives the deer a rest and allows them to return to normal routines. By not allowing the deer this break, we are keeping pressure on them and decreasing our chances.

The final component that I really do not want to see go into law is turning the urban season into "earn-a-buck". I primarily hunt in an urban zone, and have historically taken as many does as I can with my bow. I also hold out for trophy bucks and pass many younger deer in hopes of getting a chance at a mature one. My issue with "earn-a-buck" is that early season (sept. 15 - oct 1) I rarely have a chance at a doe before I do a mature buck. This is the best time to target a trophy caliber buck because they are still on their late summer feeding pattern and hitting bean fields in the evening. I do not want to have to pass on a buck of a lifetime just because a doe didn't happen to walk in front of me first. This year, for example, I went on roughly 20 hunts before I ever had an opportunity at a doe in my urban zone. I was able to harvest a nice buck in the early urban season and passed on many more. I also was able to kill two does from this area also, but they came later in the season.

To close; the first set of proposals were designed not only to decrease the deer population, but also to manage it for a well balanced, healthy and mature herd. These second proposals seem to have been thrown together just to appease a certain group of gun hunters without any foresight into the damage this could do to our deer herd. The kill numbers for the 2010 season are coming in and are reported to be significantly lower than the previous years, which could indicate we have already started a trend to decrease the herd size on our own. At this point in time, please think of the damage these deer regulation proposals could do to our deer herd and vote down these proposals.

Thank you for taking the time to read my concerns,

Dustin Nichols

Time stamp 01/21/2011 12:33:40 AM

Commentor Name Denny Herman

Commentor County 76

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Angola

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment This proposal makes more sense than the prior one proposed. Glad to see your office open for comments. THANKS
Time stamp 01/21/2011 03:08:11 AM

Commentor Name Kevin Conner

Commentor County 7

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Morgantown

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Urban Zone- I am not in favor of the earn a buck in the urban zone, or any regulation that takes away opportunity. I am an urban hunter and always have killed does before my buck but I do not feel that I should be penalized and have to pass a buck if I have not had a doe opportunity yet. I will kill my does regardless but it would be very frustrating to me to drive my 2 hour round trip and have to let a deer walk just because of the logistics of what order I have to kill them. If the urban zone is about reduction a dead buck is one less deer.

Crossbow- I am all for allowing crossbows and 100% against a crossbow license(I do not own and have never fired a crossbow). The weapon specific license system is a relic that should have been put on the shelf when the one buck rule was implemented. There is no reason to have to buy multiple license's that are valid for a buck when you can only kill one buck. This system would make sense if you could kill a separate buck with each weapon. There should only be antlered and antlerless deer license's not archery, crossbow, firearm and muzzleloader. I would suggest selling the antlered license that is valid just like the antlerless license during the entire deer season with any legal weapon and charge slightly more for it since you would only have to purchase one license. I would also suggest raising the non-resident antlered license to around the \$300 range and sell antlerless license's to non-residents at the resident price.

Time stamp 01/21/2011 05:24:21 AM

Commentor Name Herb A Higgins

Commentor County 41

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Greenwood

Commentor Organization Indiana Bowhunter Association

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Natural Resources Commission

Division of Hearings

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Dear Natural Resources Commission,

This is in response to the proposed deer amendments that passed preliminary adoption at the January 11 Natural Resources Commission meeting. Below are my responses to items within the Deer Amendments Proposal:

- I agree with the definition additions of both crossbows and ground blinds. These bring clarity to the rules and regulations. It allows the Dept of Fish and Wildlife to more concisely identify and specify the tools used for recreational and management purposes.
- I agree with the license creation as it pertains to nonresident youth, crossbow users, and urban hunters. This is a revenue builder while also serving to ensure a more robust accounting of participation and harvest statistics by hunting weapon use. Thus giving the Dept. of Fish and Wildlife better data information for recreational and management purposes.
- I do not agree with the license bundling for deer hunting. This license bundle does not fall within the proposal as being strategic. This reduced cost will bring increased pressure across the state, excessively in some areas, as this will be a state wide issuance with no regulation on use. Public ground hunting will take the brunt of the pressure, which is not the strategic areas where herd reduction is needed. We are already seeing that the 2010-2011 deer season harvest numbers are well below what the Dept. of Fish and Wildlife estimated. An added increase to the deer harvest in a nonstrategic fashion would be detrimental to pockets of deer herds within Indiana.
- I would strongly oppose any license bundling for deer hunting as it would be applicable to nonresidents. The insurgence of nonresident hunters will put insurmountable pressure on Indiana's deer herd on public property, and will drive access to private property beyond the means of the general hunting public by increasing leasing. This would not bode well with the deer hunters of Indiana, as a reduction of participating hunters

will occur as deer will not be able to be found on public land, and private land will not be accessible in the long term.

- I would strongly agree with the requirement of hunter orange being visible on the outside of ground blinds when occupied. Promoting safety is just good business of the Dept. of Fish and Wildlife.
- I agree with the expansion of youth seasons and bag limits. By increasing the opportunities these youth have for success, the Dept. of Fish and Wildlife ensures their return to the outdoors and hunting's future.
- I agree with the expansion of the urban deer zones and the amendments to the firearm opening dates on fish and wildlife areas and national wildlife refuges as the Dept. of Fish and Wildlife deem necessary in order to further their management abilities.
- I oppose the late season antlerless gun season. While this will be done strategically by counties where deer population is deemed over abundant, the pressure will be on public ground. Public ground is not where the deer herd overabundance is an issue. The Dept. of Fish and Wildlife would better spend their time focusing on the expansion of access to private ground in these areas. By working on methodologies of matching hunters with land owners, the Dept. of Fish and Wildlife would better manage the deer herd while being accountable to the citizens of Indiana for proper natural resource management. Also, a review of the current methodologies behind the deprivation deer permit system should be taken to help encourage more hunter access by those landowners with perceived deer overabundance issues.
- I strongly oppose the amendment of the crossbow season coinciding with the early archery season. This does not fit within the proposal objectives of being strategic. This will merely shift the deer harvest to an earlier season. This will also add significant pressure to the early deer season and bring with it a raft of poor hunting ethic issues. Gun hunters will see this as an ability to use technology over knowledge through practice and flood the early season ill prepared to humanly harvest Indiana's deer. The early season is one that the archery groups fought long and hard to get established. There is already a crossbow season. By creating a license for crossbow users, the DNR will better be able to capture data and make decisions on deer management tools from this. As the deer harvest is currently in a decline, adding even a slight amount of increase to the harvest numbers does not make sense until more data is collected.

To that end, I challenge the NRC, the NRAC, and the DNR to find answers to the real issues that hinder deer herd management. Those issues are access to private ground and funding and commercializing the opportunities of giving back through such activities as the farmers and hunters feeding the hungry program and the benevolence fund. These are the major obstacles to deer herd management within Indiana. More hunters on our limited public ground will do nothing but drive those deer to private ground where management will not happen, thus escalating the deer population issues further.

As a father, I request that the management of Indiana's natural resources be returned to the DNR. These are the folks, on the ground, day in and day out. They are the folks with the proper training to ensure Indiana's resources are robust and have longevity for my children's enjoyment. I am extremely disappointed that the Department of Natural Resources is required to manage people through legislative edict rather than perform their true job of resource management.

I appreciate the opportunity to have my voice heard during this time of rule proposals. I am a life long hunter and outdoor advocate. I want my children and my grandchildren to be able to enjoy the outdoors as I have. I realize that this becomes increasingly more difficult as urban expansion and habitat loss continue. I strongly urge you to support the DNR and the Dept. of Fish and Wildlife with endeavors that will offer proper management of Indiana's natural resources for everyone.

Respectfully,

Herb A Higgins

Member of:

Indiana Bowhunter Association Professional Bowhunter Society
Indiana Trappers Association Back Country Hunters and Anglers
Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Ducks Unlimited
National Wild Turkey Federation Trout Unlimited
Time stamp 01/21/2011 08:26:44 AM

Commentor Name Angela Nicole Thomas

Commentor County 47

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Springville

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I oppose adding crossbows the entire season!!!!

Time stamp 01/21/2011 10:12:11 AM

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Commentor Name ERIC DIRIG

Commentor County 57

Commentor State IN

Commentor City CHURUBUSCO

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment these rules make sense. I hope they are implemented for the 2011 season. Crossbows will help with so many of our states issues. Great job on these new rules!

Time stamp 01/21/2011 10:33:05 AM

Commentor Name Jason McClain

Commentor County 17

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Spencerville

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I am against the new proposed rule of adding crossbows to the early archery season, their is a place for them ,but that should be in their own season not with archery.

I am also against the shorting of muzzleloader season thatg takes oppertunity away from hunters.

I would like to see a muzzleloader season in january, and see archery season extended state wide untill January 31...

Time stamp 01/21/2011 10:49:19 AM

Commentor Name John M Burnley

Commentor County 87

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Boonnville

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I strongly feel that the DNR was on the right track when it proposed shortening the deer firearms and muzzleloader seasons. I am disappointed that you have retreated on this issue.

Indiana could have the kind of trophy hunting that states like Ilinois, Iowa, and Ohio have if only the age structure in our heard could be improved.

Now, a buck has to survive 32 days of firearm vulnerability. In Illinois, for example, it's 10 days. No wonder they have more mature bucks than we do. Please reconsider shortening firearm and muzzleloader seasons.

Thank you.

Time stamp 01/21/2011 11:50:18 AM

Commentor Name PAT BURNS

Commentor County 2

Commentor State IN

Commentor City FORT WAYNE

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment WILL THE NEW CROSSBOW DEER HUNTING LAW GO INTO EFFECT FOR THE 2011 YEAR FOR ALL OF THE ARCHERY SEASON

Time stamp 01/21/2011 04:38:54 PM

Commentor Name John W. Sarkey

Commentor County 64

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Hebron

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I agree with new rules change. I work shiftwork this would give me more chances to hunt.

Time stamp 01/21/2011 07:55:49 PM

Commentor Name Kris Alan Kehoe

Commentor County 49

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Indianapolis

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I fully support the new proposed deer amendments. Not only are they common sense, they help keep our sport (renewable resource management) strong by increasing opportunities for new and existing hunters which offsets any losses to hunter attrition. Thanks!

Time stamp 01/22/2011 12:15:35 AM

Commentor Name Trent Herring

Commentor County 84

Commentor State IN

Commentor City West Terre Haute

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment 1. Inclusion of Crossbows to early archery season. I do not think this will be an effective deer management tool. It will bring in to question hunter ethics and cause the non-hunting community to become enraged when the numbers of wounded deer from unethical shots start to rise. Crossbows provide a hunter a longer range and as a result will instill the false sense of security on longer shots. This weapon is a bow and the effective range is limited to killing effectiveness of the "bolt". I believe that there will be more wounded deer that aren't found because of people taking longer shots than the effectiveness of the weapon will allow. This can happen with any weapon but less likely with a gun or a traditional bow or a compound.

2. December gun antlerless only season. I think this will be an effective herd management tool, but there must be a concerted effort on the part of the IDNR to keep track of the deer killed in this season. If you want all of the deer gone or the herd down to a minimal breeding population you will achieve success. This time of the year is a very vulnerable time for the deer herd. Deer highly concentrate this time of the year. You may see 25 deer in a cut cornfield in late December, but that may be the only 25 deer from many properties if the food is available at that location. If a group were to kill 12 does from that field that breeding population of that property and the properties of the deers core areas will be dangerously inhibited.

Time stamp 01/22/2011 06:33:40 AM

Commentor Name Lee D. Britt

Commentor County 41

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Trafalgar

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment In regards to the urban deer zones being an earn a buck regulation. I personally disagree with having to shoot a doe in these areas first in order to kill a buck. I feel that these areas are over populated with deer and that is why we have a special urban season for these areas. I hunt in the urban zone in Marion county and shoot the first deer that walks by me whether it be a buck or doe. I don't feel that I should have to shoot these deer in a specific order. A deer harvested to reduce the herd in these areas whether it is a doe or buck doesn't matter its one less deer. I shoot every tag available to me in these areas in what ever order they walk by me. I spend a lot of time and money to participate in hunting these areas just for the opportunity to hunt early with a bow and shoot some deer. I think that this regulation is being placed or proposed because whoever is making these regulations thinks that people are only trophy hunting these areas or using them only to kill an extra buck. For some I am sure that is true however for me and my hunting partners this is not the case we are trying to reduce the number of deer in these areas. However being able to kill a buck is a motivating factor to hunt these areas. But I feel that if this passes the opportunity is taken away to kill if a buck walks by first. A buck maybe the only deer you see .

Time stamp 01/22/2011 03:53:35 PM

Commentor Name Jody Compton

Commentor County 17

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Garrett

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I been hunting since I was twelve I think the new changes are the best thing to give hunters the best opportunities available I really like the crossbow for everybody and the special doe season and the combined deer licence I really hope this passes and goes in effect for the 2011-2012 season !

Time stamp 01/22/2011 09:33:01 PM

Commentor Name Jerry Goff

Commentor County 31

Commentor State MS

Commentor City Saucier

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Locking divices on a compound bow can prove to be just as effective as a crossbow. They are safe, very user freindly and the cost savings can be an important factor wheather a person hunts or not. Please allow the Draw-Loc as an alternative to a crossbow. Join MS, TX, LA, FL, NM,NJ,TN,KY TN,GA,VA,NC,SC,MO,AR,AK,NV, WV,MA,MN, WI and many others. NY, OR, CO, MT and a couple others allow The Draw-Loc and DO NOT allow crossbows. Please take this in consideration. Contact: www.drawloc.com for more information

Time stamp 01/23/2011 08:49:56 AM

Commentor Name Darren Chandler

Commentor County 73

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Waldron

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Please do NOT allow crossbows to be used in the archery season. Crossbows are handled and shot like a gun and the season for it's use should reflect that.

Time stamp 01/23/2011 05:18:26 PM

Commentor Name Patrick Gordon

Commentor County 46

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Michigan City

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I have two comments to make: First is that I am opposed 100% to the use of crossbows during all archery seasons. I am aware that this topic has been debated at length in other states, on forums, and in the community itself for a long time. I was not opposed to using them during muzzle loader or even late archery, however extending that out to all archery seasons I can't agree with at all. The statements by the Commission that "other states have done it" says it all to me. This is purely an economic rule to sell more "archery" tags, increasing revenue for the state. I oppose this rule and hope that you will leave it the way it is. I do not believe it will bring more hunters to the woods. It will only sell more tags. If you really want to increase revenue while bringing more hunters out, concentrate on getting more land owners to allow hunters use of private property. Every year it is harder and harder to find land to hunt for a reasonable cost. Leasing is killing the working class. More access to hunting lands will bring in more money than just allowing non-archery equipment into the woods. By that I mean the day I can mount my longbow on a "shooting stick" and hold stored energy for hours until a shot presents, I will continue to hold true that a crossbow is more like a muzzle loader than a bow.

My second comment is about the earn a buck system in urban zones. While I agree that deer herds need more management and am not fully sure of the best course of action myself, the earn a buck system has succeeded and failed miserably in other states all at the same time. The system of earning a buck in Wisconsin for instance devastated deer heards in many counties when hunters started killing button bucks and yearling does by the thousands to earn their bucks. While I don't see anything wrong with taking a younger deer for food, when you require an entire populace to take a doe, it can have massive impacts on the age of the herd resulting in catastrophic results. I am for giving it a try on a trial basis, however, a very close eye should be kept on exactly what is going on. Much better counts must be made to avoid the issues other states have already gone

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through.

Oh, and PLEASE bring back the lifetime hunting license. If you truly want more people hunting, more people managing herds, then that is a perfect starting point.

Time stamp 01/24/2011 07:22:09 AM

Commentor Name David K Carmichael

Commentor County 36

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Seymour

Commentor Organization none

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Do not believe allowing crossbows throughout bow season will help reduce deer. However, I believe it will injure more (and kill) bucks because those using the crossbow think they can take further shots. dkc

Time stamp 01/24/2011 07:23:17 AM

Commentor Name Jacob P Carmichael

Commentor County 36

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Seymour

Commentor Organization na

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I do not agree with all (especially crossbows) the proposed deer rules. There should be public hearings on this issue.

Time stamp 01/24/2011 07:27:11 AM

Commentor Name Rod A Herman

Commentor County 6

Commentor State IN

Commentor City New Ross

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Please do not allow crossbow during early archery. I have been a hunter for 20 years and enjoy the early archery season because hunters that are willing to practice predominate during this time. It seems appropriate to devote a season to those that invest time in their sport. Unfortunately, sufficient numbers of people head to the woods with only the prerequisite of pulling a trigger. I hunt all seasons, but enjoy early archery the most. Allowing crossbow during this season will invite less practiced hunters into the woods at this time. It seems sufficient to allow crossbow only from the gun season on. This allows those willing to use the most difficult weapon to master, a time to themselves. Thank you for considering my request.

Time stamp 01/24/2011 08:59:58 AM

Commentor Name Suzanne B Carmichael

Commentor County 36

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Seymour

Commentor Organization na

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment crossbows will wound more deer (bucks) and not be recovered than ever before.

Time stamp 01/24/2011 09:37:41 AM

Commentor Name Pat Hendrixson

Commentor County 88

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Campbellsburg

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Commentor Organization Delaney Creek Longbeards

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment As president of the Delaney Creek Longbeards Chapter in Washington County, I would be in favor of the crossbow ruling that is allowed for age 65 or older or with a disability that would prevent being able to use a compound bow for all hunting seasons. Being spring turkey season, along with the complete season of archery for deer.

Time stamp 01/24/2011 01:17:24 PM

Commentor Name Terry Rensberger

Commentor County 71

Commentor State IN

Commentor City South Bend

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I would be against the early 2 day gun season in October

Time stamp 01/24/2011 01:34:35 PM

Commentor Name Tim Foltz

Commentor County 52

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Roann

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment You should think about adding .30-30 Win. and .30 Rem. to approved rifle cartridges. Almost everyone has a 30-30 and I think there would be a bunch more hunters. .30 Rem is a rimless 30-30. They would not be anymore dangerous than a .460 S&W.

Time stamp 01/24/2011 04:19:08 PM

Commentor Name Randy Hufford

Commentor County 12

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Rossville

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I do not believe there will be any change in the harvested amount of deer until there is something done about getting rid of the harvested deer. Nobody is going to harvest more deer if there is no place to take the deer without being charged a processing fee. The current places that take deer for the hungry in this area is a joke at best. Figure out a way to provide places for no cost to drop off harvested deer and you will get the reduction you are wanting. NOBODY is going to spend \$24 for a license and \$70 for processing for a deer they do not want. I would have to drive an hour to drop off a deer for the hungry. Oh ya a local place does take a few early on if you are VERY quick in harvesting.

Time stamp 01/24/2011 05:48:04 PM

Commentor Name Eric Brent Smith

Commentor County 19

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Jasper

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I like the new set of proposed rules. I am all for the crossbow being used in early and late archer seasons. I like the rule about having one archery season too. I wish they would open up the rifle cartridges to include the popular 30-30 and the .35 Remington. The 30-30 is no more accurate than a shotgun, and the .35 is no more accurate than the muzzleloaders now. Overall, I am pleased with the new proposes, and I hope they will pass this time. I would really like to see them be established for the 2011 Deer Season..

Thanks,

Eric

Time stamp 01/25/2011 05:26:03 AM

Commentor Name BRUCE RICHARDSON

Commentor County 55

Commentor State IN

Commentor City MOORESVILLE

Commentor Organization NONE

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I DISLIKE THE NEW DEER PROPOSAL. SPECIFICALLY THE CROSSBOWS IN EARLY ARCHERY AND MODIFICATIONS TO THE PCR CARTRIDGES.

TRADITIONAL ARCHERS SHOULD HAVE A SEASON TO THEMSELVES. CROSSBOWS ARE NOT BOWS. THEY ARE A GUN THAT SHOOTS ARROWS. MECHANICALLY DRAWN, HELD, SHOULDERED AND FIRED IN ONE UNIT. CROSSBOWS COULD BE ALLOWED FOR JUNIORS UNDER 16 AND THE ELDERLY OR DISABLED. THERE IS NO NEED TO CHANGE THIS CURRENTLY EXISTING SEASON, IT APPEARS THAT IT IS JUST AN ATTEMPT TO INCREASE REVENUE BY SELLING MORE, NEW LICENSES.

YOU ARE BEGINNING A SLIPPERY SLOPE WHERE ANYTHING WILL BE ALLOWED AT ANY TIME. YOU ARE CHEAPENING HUNTING AND DE VALEING OUR DEER ALL FOR THE SAKE OF MAKING MONEY AND APPEALING TO CROSSBOW LOBBIEST.

IF YOU WANT TO KILL DEER WHY NOT JUST ALLOW THE USE OF ANY WEAPON FROM OCTOBER THROUGH DECEMBER, WHY DO WE EVEN NEED SPECIFIC WEAPON SEASONS,

YOU HAD IT RIGHT WITH THE FIRST PROPOSAL, SHORTEN GUN SEASON, MOVE IT BACK 10 DAYS. INDIANA HAS THE CAPABILITY OF BEING COMPATABLE WITH SURROUNDING STATES, BUT THE WAY YOU GUYS MANAGE OUR HERD, IN THE FUTURE EVEN SEEING A DEER WILL BE A SPECIAL DAY.

Time stamp 01/25/2011 09:44:53 AM

Commentor Name abraham hall

Commentor County 78

Commentor State IN

Commentor City vevay

Commentor Organization pope/young,nra,

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment only a bunch of cowardly liars (POLITICAL MOTIVES!) could install a non resident gun hunt (YOUTH SEASON!) ahead of hoosier BOWHUNTERS and gun hunters..IT IS TIME WE SELL OUR PROPERTIES TO DEVELOPERS and MOVE TO A BETTER STATE..ALL 40 OF US!!!! IN THE END INDIANA FISH/GAME WILL LOSE TOTAL SUPPORT OF HOOSIERS!!!!!!!!!!

Time stamp 01/25/2011 11:22:00 AM

Commentor Name Brad Stephenson

Commentor County 52

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Denver

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I oppose lengthening any part of deer hunting season; particularly crossbow and archery. As a non-hunter who resides in a woods partially surrounded by woods where hunters have free rein I have seen too many occurrences where non-skilled hunters wound deer and then trespass tracking their prey. Deer hunters should not only be required to prove their marksmanship but to be made fully aware of property rights.

Time stamp 01/25/2011 02:36:41 PM

Commentor Name Laura Scharich

Commentor County Out of State

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Commentor State MI

Commentor City Sebewaing

Commentor Organization Michigan Crossbow Federation

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment As a neighboring hunting organization, I am very interested in Indiana including crossbows as an additional hunting tool to harvest game animals. It has been proven that the crossbow is an effective archery weapon and has the same limiting properties as the compound bow in the hands of educated and ethical hunters. The fact that more hunters will be able to partake of the hunting season is an economical and managerial boost to the wildlife management of any state that allows crossbows.

I hope you will reverse the limiting rules regarding the effective and versatile crossbow.

Laura Scharich

Time stamp 01/25/2011 03:00:28 PM

Commentor Name Douglas Toole

Commentor County 64

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Valparaiso

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment To whom it may concern,

I am a hunter and conservationist.

I think it would be best to leave crossbow hunting in late season, except for the handicapped in early archery season. It has been my experience that gun hunters just 'pick up a gun and go' and this is very irresponsible, especially if they move to a crossbow. That mentality is not ethical to bow hunting. Crossbow hunting is so different from gun hunting and in the hands of the inexperienced, could cause more harm than good.

I also believe the firearm and muzzleloader seasons are too long. The deer become quite 'shell shocked'. I would like to see lesser seasons for both.

I am also 'on the fence' regarding earn a buck. In counties where the deer herds are in large numbers, I would be in favor of the 'earn a buck program'.

Thanks D Toole

Time stamp 01/25/2011 03:06:31 PM

Commentor Name Douglas Toole

Commentor County 64

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Valparaiso

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment To whom it may concern,

I would like to see the comprehensive lifetime license come back into effect for residents of Indiana, even if for a short period of time. This would create a great influx of money as I remember the cost was quite substantial.

I go hunting and often times have the ability to remove multiple animals that I didn't plan to see. I especially think this is important in counties where deer numbers are high. Buying one license at a time isn't helping lower the herd numbers and having a lifetime license would be an answer.

Thank you

D Toole

Time stamp 01/25/2011 03:15:44 PM

Commentor Name Chuck Evans

Commentor County 51

Commentor State IN

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Commentor City Shoals

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment http://host.madison.com/sports/recreation/outdoors/article_80f7f74e-2661-11e0-ad87-001cc4c002e0.html

You really need to read this about Wisconsin and their proposition for Crossbow. We need to get with the other 30 some states and include crossbow to hunting. Its not going to hurt anything and if anything, Its going to help keep the deer herd healthy by reductions in certain areas of Indiana by giving hunting another weapon to use.

Time stamp 01/25/2011 03:44:39 PM

Commentor Name Ron Gabbard

Commentor County 80

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Sharpsville

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I am against the proposed crossbow addition to the bow season.

Time stamp 01/25/2011 07:14:30 PM

Commentor Name John Howser

Commentor County 72

Commentor State IN

Commentor City scottsburg

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment early crossbow season great idea adds much needed renew to state and to indiana retailers usefull management tool for dnr and allows more people to enjoy the outdoors I AM 100% IN FAVOR OF THIS

Time stamp 01/26/2011 06:51:31 AM

Commentor Name Clinton Page

Commentor County 41

Commentor State IN

Commentor City franklin

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I definitely support the rule change concerning crossbows.....this will cause more people to get into the sport and be able to hunt the deer in "better" weather.....it will cause more deer to be killed which will help reduce the heard.....and with the 1 buck rule it will not have a negative impact on that.....This is a GREAT change that everybody wins with.....the only argument that I could anticipate would be from the traditionalist.....worry that the deer will be killed before they have a chance.....you can still only kill 1 buck.....Hope this change becomes law...because it will be good for deer hunting and deer management...thanks

Time stamp 01/26/2011 08:59:04 AM

Commentor Name Will I. Collins

Commentor County 22

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Greenville

Commentor Organization N/A

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I like the new admendments, except the last ,and new proposed, doe season, maybe a little short for the purpose.

Time stamp 01/26/2011 10:35:46 AM

Commentor Name randall scott dorton

Commentor County 3

Commentor State IN
Commentor City edinburgh
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment I SUPORT THIS BILL
Time stamp 01/26/2011 10:48:59 AM

Commentor Name Shannon Stoops
Commentor County 30
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Greenfield
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment I personally don't hunt for antlerless deer because it costs more to get the license. A lot of the other hunters I know feel the same way. Maybe if 1 antlerless deer was included in the price for the antlered deer, I would hunt them.

If you need a quick increase of revenue, bring back the lifetime licenses. There are some of us who started hunting after lifetimes were taken away that never had the chance to buy one.

Also, you could make the hunting seasons longer. The longer we get to hunt, the more there is a chance of getting a deer. I know that I would love to be able to hunt longer than I do right now. That way we could try to control the population more.

These are just personal suggestions I have as a hunter that I wanted to share with someone. Thank you for taking the time to listen.
Time stamp 01/26/2011 11:32:56 AM

Commentor Name anthony darlin
Commentor County 12
Commentor State IN
Commentor City rossville
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment I am opposed to having crossbows in the archery season.
Time stamp 01/26/2011 01:07:17 PM

Commentor Name David A McDaniel
Commentor County 55
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Mooresville
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment NO CROSSBOWS IN REGULAR ARCHERY SEASON!

STOP REDUCING THE HERD!

SHORTEN THE GUN SEASON!
Time stamp 01/26/2011 01:20:22 PM

Commentor Name Chris Ostrow
Commentor County 35
Commentor State IN
Commentor City huntington
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment I'm mainly wanting to comment on the rule/rules that would make it possible for "any" deer hunter to use a crossbow during any

archery season. I think this would be huge!! In a positive way for my own example, my wife and daughter would love to get into archery but are much more "confident" while target shooting a crossbow, they both are discouraged enough by compound bows due to maybe their stability, confidence, and overall accuracy. When I get m crossbow out to shoot into my target in the back yard they get more shots then I do because they have that much fun. They look through the scope breath easy and shoot and hit where they are aiming and that look of accomplishment means the world to me and its just a target.

Secondly I also think many others may now become "archers" that arent as skilled with a compound and overall I believe it will lead to less unrecovered deer due to better shot placement due to the accuracy of the crossbow!

Time stamp 01/26/2011 01:47:13 PM

Commentor Name Mark Sidelinger

Commentor County Out of State

Commentor State PA

Commentor City Erie

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I am pleased to hear that Indiana is now offering crossbow use during the archery season. The effective range of a crossbow is not unlike that of the modern compound bow. The crossbow can also help manage the deer herd, increase hunter participation and recruit new hunters into the field.

Thank you for making this happen.

Time stamp 01/26/2011 02:16:32 PM

Commentor Name Mark McMichael

Commentor County 11

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Center Point

Commentor Organization Buckhill Farms

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I have no problems with the new deer amendment proposals.

Time stamp 01/26/2011 02:17:21 PM

Commentor Name Marry Morrow

Commentor County 52

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Denver

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I oppose the new proposed regulation

As a "non-hunter," property owner I would like to enjoy watching wildlife and walking or riding my horse in our own woods. This is dangerous during deer season in my area. Having 50 acres of woods, completely marked against trespassing and no hunting, you would hope to be safe. Not so. We constantly have to keep hunters off our property as they wound a deer then chase it across our land without permission. The deer population is almost nothing in our area at this time so hunters are more aggressive about where they go. I don't think extending the season, or allowing cross bows is a good thing.

Time stamp 01/26/2011 02:44:24 PM

Commentor Name Roland Scheeff

Commentor County 87

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Boonville

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment First, I hunt with traditional bows, sometimes with historical flintlock guns and occasionally with a modern shotgun. I am a hunter

safety instructor for the State of Indiana.

In my opinion and in the opinion of my archery and hunting education instructor friends, crossbows have no place in the early archery season. We do not consider them archery equipment. They do not require any muscle power and no dedication to become proficient with them to use ethically as a hunting weapon. The argument that hunters grow older and can not use true archery equipment anymore is false. I have several friends in their senior years who still hunt with traditional archery equipment far beyond the minimum draw weight requirements. If they can not use traditional equipment anymore, they can still use compound bows. This new inclusion of the "crossguns" has only two reasons:

* The crossbow industry wants to make more money.

* The IDNR wants to profit by selling an additional type of license.

As soon as the crossgun has a long and early season, the crossbow manufacturers will rejoice. More profit for the hunting industry!!

But hunting with true archery equipment does require dedication and time. First time practicing and then time in the field. Crossbow hunters will be mostly gunhunters using the earlier season. If they fill their license, will they buy a gun license? Probably not. The buck limit stays the same. They just want to have an earlier chance, a longer season and an easy way that requires only minimum practice. No one prohibits these hunters to pick up the stick and string and enjoy the early and longer season as a true archery hunter.

In reality, we already have a 3 week gun season. The muzzleloading season became the 3rd week of gun season with the inclusion of "modern muzzleloaders". Modern muzzleloaders are nothing else than single shot high powered rifles. Quite a few "sluggun" hunters now exclusively use their modern muzzleloaders, because of better accuracy at long ranges. Modern muzzleloading manufacturers guarantee a 4" group or better at 200 yards out of the box. Are those still Primitive Firearms? No way. Get rid of the muzzleloading rifle definition and make a historical firearms season out of it. Allowing only firearms or replicas prior to 1865 or so. Blackpowder period weapons. No modern scopes etc. This would improve the deer herd by shortening the high power gun season. It would also emphasize that Indiana has a season for people who like traditional firearms and that it wants to preserve its traditions. Just like PA has with their flintlock only regulation, which I think would go too far for IN.

Season structure: We don't need additional herd reduction. The deer hunting was miserable the last few years. Deer numbers are down. Blue tongue disease a few years back and the drought this year did not help the herd.

I have observed, that deer now concentrate even more in areas where they are not pressured during hunting season. This is usually private land that is either leased out to the big buck only hunter or where you can ask for permission, but will be turned down because of liability concerns by the farmer/landowner. If you tell them about the no liability law, they mostly answer they don't trust it. No permission is usually the result. But the same farmers complain about crop damages by wildlife to the DNR. The DNR then thinks they have to reduce the herd....

Hunting is a tradition that generates revenue, please don't reduce this tradition to just another revenue generating past-time.

Hunters already pour a lot of their sparetime and money into their passion. Bring back the "lifetime hunting license", the money invested generates more interest within a few years than the price of most hunters annual license spending. Hunting license money should only be used for DNR projects, it has no place in the general budget.

I would like to see a clear dedication of the IDNR's mission like the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency communicates their mission to the residents and non-resident hunters.

Sincerely

Roland Scheeff

Time stamp 01/26/2011 04:51:17 PM

Commentor Name Gary Cook

Commentor County 25

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Rochester

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Personally, the use of a crossbow would help me greatly because of my eyesight(depth perception issue) . Mount a scope on one and I'm back to hunting!

Thanks,

Time stamp 01/26/2011 05:02:41 PM

Commentor Name James Garber

Commentor County 20

Commentor State IN

Commentor City near New Paris

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Rule should be one antlerless deer must be taken before an antlered deer can be taken.

I am a farm owner and have a classified Forest.

A section of road 100 yards from our house has averaged 3+ car deer accidents per year for at least the last 10 years. I have lived at our present address for 46 years.

Time stamp 01/26/2011 05:31:41 PM

Commentor Name Greg Spurgeon

Commentor County 84

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Atherton

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Strongly DISAGREE that allowing Crossbows in the Oct/Nov deer season is required to increase the doe kill. And seriously question whether it would even have the desired result. Here's why:

Crossbows are already allowed in the entire December season, yet only a tiny number of antlerless deer are taken by Crossbow (in fact only 182 total deer were taken by Crossbow in the Dec 2009 season, representing little more than 1/10th of 1% of the total kill). This shows that people are not looking to use this weapon for the purpose of taking does. What they want is to hunt bucks, not does, in October and early November, without resorting to regular archery gear. We already have an October/Early Nov deer season that is open to every single hunter in this state. And for those who can't physically shoot a bow, a waiver is allowed for crossbow.

The quality of our hunting experience and crowding issues should be considered. When hunting is enjoyable for an individual, they will continue as a lifetime pursuit. When it becomes FUBAR and a crowded mess in the woods, many will quit. This is the exact reason many guys won't step foot in the woods during firearms season. Lots of those guys have resorted to the relative peace, quiet and lack of crowding in the archery season. I feel the importance of these points is being underestimated.

And crowding is the very reason more and more hunters have resorted to leasing private land. But access to deer over-populations on private land is not being addressed at all under these proposals. There's no mystery as to why people consider leasing....they want an uncrowded place to hunt, where they can have at least some control over management of the local herd. Fill up the October woods with gunhunters-turned-crossbowers searching for bucks, and you'll probably get more leasing. More leasing will simply exacerbate the problem of herd control.

This process should be taken in stages instead of the scattergun, all-or-nothing approach that is being proposed. I suggest the first step be to only add the December firearms antlerless hunt. Monitor the results for 2-3 years, then go from there on whether any further season liberalizations are needed.

The most important point I want to make in closing, is that the management of our wildlife should be left to the INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES - DIVISION OF WILDLIFE. Politicians should have no hand whatsoever in these issues. My message to Politicians is this: back off and let the DNR do the job we're paying them to do.

Time stamp 01/26/2011 05:57:33 PM

Commentor Name Stephen Carpenter

Commentor County Out of State

Commentor State ME

Commentor City Lyman

Commentor Organization Unaffiliated

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I am a hunter over 60 who can no longer pull back a compound bow or see the sights on a compound bow. I have hunted in several states with a crossbow from blinds or tree stands with great success. There is no biological reason not to allow crossbows - most people who don't like them have never used one. They are safe, dependable and accurate - much more accurate than a compound bow, shot for shot. Any ethical hunter wants to make a good, clean killing shot every time, and the crossbow allows this for us older hunters. I would gladly purchase an Indiana crossbow license knowing that I'd have a better chance to tag a deer than I would with a compound bow. I hope you will pass this bill and allow more hunters to enjoy Indiana's great deer hunting opportunities.

Time stamp 01/26/2011 06:07:48 PM

Commentor Name Thomas Hendryx
Commentor County 45
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Cedar Lake
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I'm in favor of rules (such as those in IL and Ohio) that allow hunters to harvest bucks they can be proud of... not year and a half old bucks. I am NOT in favor of crossbow season and I am NOT in favor of lengthening additional deer seasons. This season in the area of Lake County that I hunt, I did not see many mature bucks and instituting new rules will only make matters worse.

Time stamp 01/26/2011 06:45:58 PM

Commentor Name willie wireman
Commentor County 37
Commentor State IN
Commentor City wheatfield
Commentor Organization taxpayer
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment These rules are ridiculous!! You're telling me kouts, in is now an urban zone? I live in Jasper with a bonus of 8 and wheatfield has more deer than kouts!!! ANYWAY, you guys insist on destroying the Indiana deer hunting laws because of the special interest groups lobbying our Republican government (insurance farmers, etc). This is not based on biologist deer counts—it's based on pressure from these groups!! You want doe numbers down? Lets start by raising the fees to non residents and lowering and bundling for our own citizens. I guarantee you lower fees for doe tags would result in more people taking them—most people find it too costly to take does for the amount of meat they get. Why does Ill. charge me 425 and they come here and pay a whopping 150? How about trying the earn a buck rule for firearm season—most of our herd is taken with a firearm anyway. Why allow crossbows for the entire season? That's asking for trouble when you will have these gun hunter types shooting ridiculously long shots not to mention flooding the woods with pressure. This will make it more difficult to harvest more deer!! If you insist on allowing these -make it a special season—maybe with or after muzzleloader? This state could have a valuable money making state like Illinois does with outfitting and other small businesses that could thrive—A potential windfall for Indiana if you guys would just manage our resources!!!!

Time stamp 01/26/2011 07:09:41 PM

Commentor Name Bert Lee
Commentor County 26
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Princeton
Commentor Organization NRA and others
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I fully support this proposal, especially the crossbow proposal. Crossbows are no better, nor any worse than present day compounds.

Time stamp 01/27/2011 07:21:33 AM

Commentor Name Steve Bowman
Commentor County 49
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Indianapolis
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I have been following these proposals and am in support of them as they are now presented. I also believe that the process now involves more than the sportsman groups who sometimes let their personal agendas get in the way of sound wildlife management. Time will tell if changes were necessary and if the new rules are effective in reducing or at least stabilizing the deer herd.

Steve Bowman

Time stamp 01/27/2011 07:30:07 AM

Commentor Name Michael Richardson
Commentor County 3
Commentor State IN

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Commentor City Columbus
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment These are changes that most hunters can support. Good job and definitely keep the crossbows.
Time stamp 01/27/2011 07:33:01 AM

Commentor Name James V. Peter Jr.
Commentor County 19
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Jasper
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment I fully support the new deer hunting rules. I am especially pleased that the firearm season has been kept as is for start date and length.
Time stamp 01/27/2011 07:30:34 AM

Commentor Name Wesley Orr
Commentor County 76
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Angola
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment Kill the crossbow rule. there is nothing about a crossbow that belongs in archery season. Keep early archery for bowhunters, and leave the crossbow in gun season and late archery.
Time stamp 01/27/2011 08:00:10 AM

Commentor Name Jeffery E. DiCesare
Commentor County 64
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Valparaiso
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment I am 100% for the changes.
Time stamp 01/27/2011 09:55:57 AM

Commentor Name Timothy Brian Minarik
Commentor County 71
Commentor State IN
Commentor City South Bend
Commentor Organization N/A
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment I would like to thank you for proposing crossbows for the archery seasons. My wife would like to go hunting with me, but is afraid of guns and not strong enough to pull a bow. I bought her a crossbow two years ago, but with work schedules, she didnt really have time to hunt during X-mas season(works retail). By allowing crossbows during all archery seasons(special license is also ok) you will make two residents very happy, my wife cuz she will have time to hunt, and myself, cuz I get to spend more time with my wife. And as an added bonus to the state, more license bought, and more deer taken. So as far as I am concerned, its a win-win for both state and resident. Thank you!!!!!!!!!!
Time stamp 01/27/2011 11:06:37 AM

Commentor Name Todd Frady
Commentor County 14
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Washington
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

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Comment To kill more does make doe licenses free and any processing fees be tax deductible if the meat was donated to the hungry. The reason hunters aren't shooting does is because it's \$125.00 to tag and process a deer. Incentivize shooting does by reducing the expense of killing one. Move firearms back to post rut like Ohio. Legalize crossbows the second and third week of November. This will reduce the number of immature bucks killed as it will slowly increase hunting pressure vs. hitting them all at once on firearms opening day. Just because someone has a crossbow doesn't mean they will shoot more does. I can shoot does every setting with my bow but I don't because of the hassle and expense.

Time stamp 01/27/2011 11:27:37 AM

Commentor Name rex r james

Commentor County 34

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Kokomo

Commentor Organization N/A

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I would rather not have crossbows added to the early archery season until after the start of the firearms season. To do so would make it a crossbow season in which other archery gear is allowed and not a archery season. We also need to cut back on the amount of deer we are killing especially doe. Howard county is listed as a 4 county and I have not seen a deer in the county anyware or anytime during the last 2 years. There is no way there is enough deer problems for it to warrent a 4 bonus antlerless county. I do not think the population is that high in the remainder of the state either. It is time to start to conserve our deer.

Time stamp 01/27/2011 11:57:47 AM

Commentor Name Alfred Raychard

Commentor County Out of State

Commentor State ME

Commentor City lyman

Commentor Organization none-personal

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment As a crossbow hunter for over a decade who travels extensively to hunt I hope Indiana will allow the use of crossbows and fully support the deer amendments as proposed.

Time stamp 01/27/2011 11:58:22 AM

Commentor Name daniel collins

Commentor County 88

Commentor State IN

Commentor City salem

Commentor Organization bricklayer

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment to start with i hold a lifetime license for hunting and fishing. i don't agree with the change in rifles, strongly!! by doing this you will allow lower recoil rifles that shoot further than a shotgun. i don't agree with the crossbows ether. make it for older hunters. it puts more gun hunters in the woods during the archery season. it will change everything that i look forward to about bow hunting. it will be great in urban zones. finnally, late doe season, it's to short. if you want does shot why be so selfish with the days? it's a good idea though.

Time stamp 01/27/2011 12:07:37 PM

Commentor Name Randy Warren

Commentor County 15

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Aurora

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment As an avid deer hunter I feel that these changes will not only help in controlling our deer heard in Indiana, they will also bring more hunters into our great sport. The cross bow season will give those who do not bow hunt the chance to expierence what a great time of year the fall is to hunt deer.

For those of us who screwed up and did not get a life time licence, the bundle will give us a little relieve on cost and will encourage the harvesting of does.

Overall I feel that these are all great changes, and I hope to see them in place for the 2011 deer season.

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Commentor Name Mike King

Commentor County 20

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Middlebury

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Crossbows should NOT be allowed in the early archery season. Things should stay as they are now (crossbow). Also there should NOT be a (another) late gun season, if anything our gun season should be moved back and out of the rut. Maybe you should think about extending our bow season.

Thank you.

Time stamp 01/27/2011 02:40:50 PM

Commentor Name Anthony J. Rothgerber

Commentor County 62

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Tell City

Commentor Organization deer hunter

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Thank you for putting together this new proposal. I like it and have not met anyone locally yet that dislikes it. Let's give it a try for the 5 year trial period as suggested and see what goes from there.

Thanks for listening ,

Anthony

Time stamp 01/27/2011 04:09:13 PM

Commentor Name gene sims

Commentor County 64

Commentor State IN

Commentor City hebron

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment i am not in favor of the new crossbow rule proposal it should stay the way it is now for the handicap impaired and late season only for everone else-i am also not in favor of all of porter county being considered a urban zone a good portion of the county is still open farm areas only high heavily populated in city limits should be urban hunting thank you very much for the open opinion section you have offered here

Time stamp 01/27/2011 07:39:51 PM

Commentor Name Jerry L, Walker

Commentor County 18

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Muncie

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I like and also think that it is time for a change with our deer hunting rules and regulations, I would like to see it open up to a little larger rifle to, it would make it easier to own a gun that you can take out of state if you so choose to, and not break the bank so to say when it comes to the average hunter that can not afford to go out and buy so many firearms to be able to travel and hunt.

Time stamp 01/27/2011 07:54:05 PM

Commentor Name Patrick James Patiniot

Commentor County 67

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Greencastle

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Commentor Organization**Commentor Email** [Email Commentor](#)**Comment** I am 46 and have been deer hunting in Indiana since I was 16.

I am against any changes in the crossbow season that extends the length of the season as long as the crossbow is allowed to be used under an archery tag.

The crossbow is more gun like than bow like, any reasonable person can see that.

The crossbow allows the user to lay in wait. You cannot lay in wait with a bow, you must draw the bow and hold it.

There is no reason to lessen the restrictions placed on the crossbow user as he or she must cock or charge a crossbow and that is far more cumbersome and requires more strength than any hunting weight bow of any style.

I am for allowing non resident youth licenses.

I am against a late season firearms season in any county for any reason.

The crossbow should not be allowed to be used during any portion of the archery season. The crossbow should have it's own season and the license used should say "Crossbow License" across the top.

I agree with the use of blaze orange with ground blinds.

I agree with restrictions on baiting.

To get back to the crossbow, once again, the DNR is getting behind something that the majority of Hoosier hunters do not support. This change is being driven by out of state, special interest groups that are enticing our government officials with the allure of money in the form of a promise of additional license sales.

Our neighbor to the East (Ohio) has had their archery season destroyed by the entry of the crossbow into the general archery season.

Once again, myself and the three voting age members of my family that reside in my house are against any change in crossbow rules that extend their season one more day into the general archery season.

Thank you for your time.

Patrick J. Petiniot

Time stamp 01/27/2011 09:34:19 PM

Commentor Name Clarence H. Williams**Commentor County** 87**Commentor State** IN**Commentor City** Newburgh**Commentor Organization** Hunting Indiana**Commentor Email** [Email Commentor](#)**Comment** I've just recently become aware of another crossbow usage survey that the IDNR had conducted. It was back in 1996.

The anti-crossbow organized hunting groups of the IBA, the IDHA and the ISR is whipping up a frenzy among their membership. No doubt that you will hear from some of them. Just please be aware that these groups only represent only their limited membership and not all of them.

The surveys speaks for themselves in that more Indiana deer hunters would like the choice of using a crossbow in all deer seasons than those that don't.

1996 Indiana Crossbow Survey

In June and July of 1996 the DNR contracted a non-biased firm of Massie and Associates to conduct their Indiana deer hunter survey.

This was a totally random phone survey of 413 Indiana hunters and was conducted between June 27th and July 8th, 1996.

The question in the survey was:

“As a means of expanding hunting opportunities, do you support or oppose the legalization of crossbows for deer hunting in Indiana?”

The results were:

General Attitude

Support – 46%

Opposed – 38%

Neutral – 15%

Early Archery

Support – 48%

Opposed – 44%

Neutral – 7%

Margin of error: at a 95% level of confidence, the responses we could expect if we interviewed every Hoosier hunter range from an even 41%:41% split, “support” to “oppose”, to 51%:33%, “support” to “oppose”. In other words the margin of error range demonstrates that the population leans to the “support” view.

2005 Indiana Crossbow Survey

In 2005 the IDNR surveyed deer hunters in all 92 Indiana counties. 8,344 hunters returned the survey. This was a very scientific survey.

The results were:

49.5% supports crossbow usage in ANY archery segment

34.8% who oppose crossbow usage in ANY archery segment.

11.4 neither supported nor opposed

That is 14.7% more hunters that favored allowing crossbows in ANY archery season than opposed them..

2010 Indiana Crossbow Survey

In early 2010 the DNR conducted online surveys of the Indiana deer hunters.

On the subject of crossbows in all archery seasons the results were:

42% supported or strongly support full inclusion of crossbows

26% were neutral

32% opposed or strongly opposed.

10% more of Indiana hunters wanted crossbows for all deer season, with a huge chunk being neutral.

Hunting-Indiana.com Crossbow Survey

Last year we conducted a poll on crossbow inclusion on hunt-indiana.com and the results were

58.2% favored crossbows in ALL archery seasons

36% were against crossbows in ALL archery seasons

5.8% didn't care one way or another.

So, the answer to the question of whether the Indiana deer hunters want to have crossbows as another choice in archery deer hunting is a resounding YES.

CHW

Time stamp 01/28/2011 06:13:05 AM

Commentor Name Karin McKenna

Commentor County 64

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Chesterton

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Until the State of Indiana follows through on its own legislation re closing down canned hunting of deer in this state, and does not promote selling of whitetail semen for artifical breeding of whitetails by Hoosier farmers to be sold to canned hunt farms - then, any "management" by the DNR is pointless. You want to kill them in their natural habitat but you promote breeding whitetails for sale to canned hunt farms? Taxpayers are also paying to have these canned hunt breeder/farmers reimbursed hundreds of thousands of dollars because of TB outbreaks in Indiana. Tell us about those costs taxpayer reimbursements and whitetail breeding programs in Indiana and then we will let you know what we think of your "management" plan.

Time stamp 01/28/2011 07:16:30 AM

Commentor Name Steven J Neher

Commentor County 2

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Huntertown

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I support the proposed rule changes. I like the license bundle and would / will purchase one.

Time stamp 01/28/2011 07:26:18 AM

Commentor Name Dale Clark

Commentor County 60

Commentor State IN

Commentor City spencer

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment As a former resident of Ohio where crossbows are legal all season, I say leave the crossbows out of the early archary season. If it were proposed for youth/seniors during the early archary season I would agree.

For what it's worth, I did agree with the first set of proposals, including shorting the firearms season and moving the dates back.

Time stamp 01/28/2011 08:01:36 AM

Commentor Name Drew Flamion

Commentor County 82

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Evansville

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment An earlier proposal last year was to shorten the hunting seasons. The DNR responded that with well over 3,000 comments opposed shortening the season. The DNR had indicated over 132,000 deer had been killed within the state in 2009. Lets just think this out, 3,000 comments on 132,000 deer killed. I am just guessing that, assuming one deer per person, less than 3% of the hunters had actually commented,

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though one could argue this is much less. Is that enough to really overturn that proposal which shortened seasons and now all of a sudden make and add a new season? I think there are bigger fish in the ocean than a small percentage of public comments that we are not made aware of, lobbyist such as insurance companies, that tend to play major roles in decisions of the government.

With that all being said, I am very much against the new proposal for adding a crossbow season throughout the entirety of the current archery season. I would not be against a crossbow season that would last one week or two like current gun and muzzleloader seasons. However, archery season was meant to be more difficult and challenge the hunter. Today's crossbows can easily shoot 40 to 50 yards and are lined in like a gun that can be tapped for a scope. One might say, well you have a choice of using a cross bow or traditional archery equipment. That is not the point, many people will trade in their traditional archery equipment and 'upgrade' to a cross bow. Many more hunters will saturate the woods. I just ask for the archery hunters who are truly dedicated, to get the opportunity to hunt traditionally and have a season to call their "own."

Also, don't forget the other people, those who do not deer hunt or not hunt at all. As deer season expands and so does the amount of people that takes to the woods. Don't forget about the people who enjoy small game hunting or even just enjoy hiking. I know public ground is meant to be shared, but deer season seems to overwhelmingly overtake areas and eliminate small game hunting and hiking altogether because people are afraid to go out to the woods because a person doesn't want to be in the line of fire of hunters in the area.

Time stamp 01/28/2011 10:33:00 AM

Commentor Name Timothy Wayne Stevens

Commentor County 11

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Jasonville

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I am wondering, if Indiana wants more antlerless deer harvested, then "why" not try lengthening muzzleloader season until the middle of January and then have a special firearms only antlerless season from the middle of January until the end of January? Indiana could also make part of the muzzleloader season a true primitive only season with sidelocks only or even going to the extreme of flintlock only. The language could even call for loose powder, no sabots, no inline muzzleloaders or whatever. This could also be a special license so the state does not miss out on any money. I am also wondering, "why" does Indiana who claims it needs money for fish and wildlife projects no longer sell lifetime licenses? I estimate that "if" Indiana would commit to advertising that it will sell lifetime licenses once or twice every five years the lifetime license, it would generate hundreds of thousands of money "immediately" if not more. A lifetime license could be sold for children, that cannot be used, until that child passed an approved hunter safety course. Then it would be sent in with that proof, and an actual license to "hunt" would be issued. Since money would be generated immediately, it could be used for trout stocking and other stocking in lakes such as Shakamak State Park, where gate fees, boat launch fees and rentals, stamp fees, etc. fees, would double the investment or triple or more the investment. It would seem to be a win-win situation for the state. The state would also be seen as doing something good finally for the sportsmen, women and children of Indiana. Maybe out of state persons would even want to start coming here and spending their money. I do have one last safety concern for Indiana. Changing the length of rifle cartridges to 1.8 inches. I am wondering what length it will stop at and what diameter is going to end up as minimum. While there are places that favor rifles. Many places in Indiana face risk of accidental shootings from these rifles. If larger caliber rifles are allowed, then I would suggest looking into Colorado's laws about what happens to people who accidentally shoot someone. Adopt this law and enforce it. Thank you for the opportunity for my comment. Tim Stevens

Time stamp 01/28/2011 11:45:36 AM

Commentor Name michael thiel

Commentor County 45

Commentor State IN

Commentor City griffith

Commentor Organization member of izzak walton leagues of america

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment i am in avid bowhunter, and have been for years.

i actually like the idea of the use of crossbows by licensed hunters.

i like the idea of being able to hunt with the new permit during archery season if i so choose, i should not have to wait till second season, or have to be a handicap to hunt with a crossbow,, so in short,, me and many people i know LIKE AND AGREE WITH THE PROPOSED NEW CROSSBOW CHANGES!!

Time stamp 01/28/2011 06:01:19 PM

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Commentor Name Gary W. Badger

Commentor County 49

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Indianapolis

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment More doe's need to be hunted. Indiana has a buck/ doe ratio of about 1 to 15. Some of these hunters don't realize that if they keep killing bucks that pretty soon we will have nothing but doe's. Also if we can get that ratio a little closer like even 1 to 9 or 10 the deer herd would be healthier and it would create BIGGER BUCKS. The very thing they are after.

I am happy to hunt doe's only, like all females they taste better. My only problem is that I am having a hard time trying to find a place just to hunt doe's. I wish you all good luck in trying to convince these hard heads that the doe's do need to be thinned out. Thank You, Gary W. Badger

Time stamp 01/28/2011 07:35:01 PM

Commentor Name BRIAN C REMSON

Commentor County 72

Commentor State IN

Commentor City SCOTTSBURG

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment THE CHANGES ALL SEEM TO BE FOR THE BEST OPPRE'TUNITY FOR THE HUNTER,NO BREAK INBETWEEN IS A GREAT IDEA CROSSBOW INTRUDUCTION IS ALSO A GREAT THING FOR THE HUNTERS.

Time stamp 01/28/2011 08:21:03 PM

Commentor Name Tim Farrell

Commentor County Out of State

Commentor State PA

Commentor City Pittsburgh

Commentor Organization None

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment All I ask is the you secure data form other states that have full inclusion & make your decision based on cold hard facts. The crossbow issue tends to become more of a social/emotional issue than one based in available facts & data. Once available data from other states is reviewed I believe inclusion will take place. I support crossbow inclusion. Thanks for the time to post & good luck with your decision.

Time stamp 01/29/2011 08:51:09 AM

Commentor Name James Shema

Commentor County 64

Commentor State IN

Commentor City hebron

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I am strongly in favor on full inclusion of crossbows in all archery seasons.

Time stamp 01/29/2011 01:02:53 PM

Commentor Name tim yankauskas

Commentor County 64

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Hebron

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I think they should leave the crossbow rules how they are,you are going to get people running out to buy them and think they can aim and shoot and its that easy.. the people who want this to pass are the people who dont want to take the time to practice with traditional bow and arrow.it takes time and practice to be effective with a bow.(anybody can pull a trigger and that is what they want). p.s. say no to the crossbow,THANKS.

Time stamp 01/29/2011 03:42:42 PM

Commentor Name Dustin O'Hara

Commentor County 42

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Bicknell

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment To whom it may Concern. First i just want to say i am shamed by the new proposal. Indiana for the first time was on a path to improve its deer herd and they chickend out. Myself and my friends have spent countless hours and dollars on improving our deer herd. Then the state allows such liberal hunting laws and the deer herd suffers. I as a avid hunter who spends a good amount of money on hunting, (habitat improvment, gear, mounts ect), am fed up with Indiana. Myself and many others who spend money on hunting have decided if you wont change we will. We've decided we would rather go to other states and give them our money than give it to Indiana who is stuck in the past. I have hunted in other states and know how good deer hunting can be and let me tell you Indiana is not. Hopefully some day Indiana can be the hunting state I know it can be, but untill they decide to step up to the plate I will donate to states that are already batting 500.

Time stamp 01/30/2011 04:26:37 PM

Commentor Name Bob Bonewitz

Commentor County 35

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Andrews

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment With many calibers for rifles already in place, which I feel is more than adequate, I can't understand the reasoning for adding more with lengthening the maximum case length to 1.8 inches from the current 1.625 inches. The idea of using handgun calibers in long guns is now a moot point in the overall scheme of things, as this rule change will allow some calibers that were never chambered in a handgun to be used.

Time stamp 01/30/2011 05:58:10 PM

Commentor Name Michael Nicholson

Commentor County 21

Commentor State PA

Commentor City Masontown

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Allowing Crossbow Hunting to the State opens a new door for cutting down the Deer population. It adds to license sales and it also gets more people involved in the sport.

Time stamp 01/30/2011 06:45:15 PM

Commentor Name Paul A. Vice

Commentor County 36

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Seymour

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Good day.

I am writing to voice my opposition to the proposal to create a crossbow season that runs concurrent with the entire archery season.

I archery hunt deer in Indiana. I am a lifetime license holder, yet I have not participated in the firearm deer season in Indiana since 1991. I grew tired of policing my hunting area for trespassers when I should have been enjoying the hunt. The archery season allows me to enjoy the outdoors. Trespassing incidents have been rare over the years during archery only timeframes.

The crossbow isn't going to bring MORE people into the sport of deer hunting. It is just going to bring more gun hunters into the woods during archery season. These people have always had the opportunity to hunt deer during archery season, but have chosen NOT to make the effort to

learn archery. I can't help but believe, that by making it easier for the gun hunter to participate, that my own hunting experience will degenerate to a gun season level.

The DNR survey results said people did not want a change in the firearms season. Based on feedback to the first proposal, that proved to be true. The same survey results also said people aren't going to shoot more deer than they need. If the gun hunter only needs one antlerless deer for the freezer, and he shoots that deer with a crossbow in October rather than with a gun in November or December.....where is the gain?

To be clear, I do not oppose the creation of a crossbow season on a crossbow license. I'm only asking for that season to not run concurrent with the entire early archery season. If the goal is to remove more female deer, give the weapon an opportunity for a couple weeks in early October, when antlerless deer are the focus, and see what happens.

I certainly saw more potential benefit for deer reduction in the first set of proposals than what is on the table right now. I don't believe you are going to get people to shoot more deer. Shifting some of the pressure from bucks to does during general firearms season was and is the right approach.

Thanks for your time.

Time stamp 01/31/2011 03:49:20 AM

Commentor Name Terry Rensberger

Commentor County 66

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Winamac

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I would be opposed to using crossbows in archery season

I would also be opposed to any "early" firearms season

Time stamp 01/31/2011 12:56:28 PM

Commentor Name Randall Marshall

Commentor County 40

Commentor State IN

Commentor City North Vernon

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment To: NRC

Re: Deer Proposal II / Deer Reduction

I strongly disagree that allowing Crossbows in the Oct/Nov deer season will increase the doe kill. And seriously question whether it would even have the desired result. Here's why:

Crossbows are already allowed in the entire December season, yet only a tiny number of antlerless deer are taken by Crossbow (in fact only 182 total deer were taken by Crossbow in the Dec 2009 season, representing little more than 1/10th of 1% of the total kill). This shows that people are not looking to use this weapon for the purpose of taking does. What they want is to hunt bucks, not does, in October and early November, without resorting to regular archery gear.

Archery gear takes dedication to be able to use it in a proficient manner. A crossbow does not take dedication! Once their buck is harvested only the dedicated deer hunter will continue to actively pursue antlerless deer. Archery hunters year in and year out harvest more does than bucks. Gun hunters (the ones who would take advantage of crossbows) year in and year out harvest more bucks than does.

We already have an October/Early Nov deer season that is open to every single hunter in this state. And for those who can't physically draw and shoot a bow, a waiver is already available for them, which allows them to legally use a crossbow.

The real issue seems to be access to private ground in the counties in which deer over population is a concern.

This process should not be an all-or-nothing approach, I suggest:

→ Make antlerless tags more affordable by offering license bundles.

→ State of Indiana should monetarily support Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry (FHHF) programs. This would give hunters another

channel in which to give back to their communities.

→ Give landowners incentive to allow hunting in high quote.

→ Counties with a 4 + antlerless quota: add the December firearms antlerless hunt. Then monitor the results for two (2) years then go from there on whether any further season liberalizations are needed.

→ Counties with 8 antlerless quotas: Lengthen youth season to the seven (7) days prior to bow season. Maintain the December firearms antlerless hunt.

In closing, the most important point I want to make is that the management of our wildlife resources should be in the hands of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources – Division of Wildlife. With the utmost respect to our elected officials my suggestion would be for them to allow the DNR to do the jobs in which they are educated, trained and paid to do.

Respectfully Submitted,

Randall Marshall

Time stamp 01/31/2011 04:16:00 PM

Commentor Name michael harrison

Commentor County 9

Commentor State IN

Commentor City logansport

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment you say that you are trying to get the deer herd down to a goog number. which is great. but i think you are going about it the wrong way. first you let a fram get a permit to let hunters come on to his land and shoot does fawns and take more then one buck. but you let the rest of the hunters shoot one buck for the year. not good. you should make it to will you have to take a doe first be for you get a buck tag. plus why are you changing the archery season you can hunt all year right now , with the first season and the late season.i'm sorry but i think you people don't know what you are doing. I think if a fram can get a permit to save is crops them there should be a fee that he should pay to get the permit.

Time stamp 01/31/2011 09:20:30 PM

Commentor Name aaron Chastain

Commentor County 29

Commentor State IN

Commentor City mccordsville

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment As a hunter that relies on the state's public land I am very concerned about including crossbow hunters in the early archery season. Maybe they should be added from the opening of firearms season and permitted to hunt until the end of late archery. My concern is that there will be a huge increase in the number of people in the woods during early archery. This is a time that hunters can find solitude still on public land and hunt mostly unalarmed deer. a major influx of crossbow hunters during this time will really effect the quality of my hunts. If I owned my own land I wouldn't care because I could mostly control who is on it but the public land can become very heavily trafficed when the weapon choice is "cool" or has a longer preceived range. Please consider my concern and give archery, vertical archers, their time and space in early Oct/Nov. to help you control the herd. Thank you for your time and efforts. Sincerely, Aaron Chastain

Time stamp 01/31/2011 10:18:31 PM

Commentor Name Brady Miller

Commentor County 28

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Bloomfield

Commentor Organization Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Strongly recommend that the license bundle be affordable to average people. The bundle should afford the permit holder the ability to harvest an unlimited amount of antlerless deer, as long as the hunter does not exceed the quota for a county. The late antlerless firearms season should be extended to include the entire month of January. Deer often key on food sources during this most limiting time of year, thus allowing for easier harvest of antlerless deer. This also gives a prime opportunity to increase hunter recruitment as the deer movement during this time of year occurs earlier in the evening as the deer arrive at the food sources well before the end of legal shooting light.

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Also recommend that the NRC re-introduce the lifetime license to residents. As an FHFH representative I know first hand that most deer are donated by lifetime license holders, not by folks who have to purchase a license for each deer they shoot. I believe the DNR and the NRC needs to really consider where they stand on the issue of deer management or revenue. It seems clear to us (the outdoorsmen) that the revenue to the state from the sale of each individual license is more important than proper deer management, this is a very poor stance for the DNR to take and is not supported by outdoorsmen. It is very hard for the sportsmen of the state to support the DNR on their decisions when they know that the wildlife is being managed based on optimal income and not by sound management.

Time stamp 02/01/2011 03:13:21 AM

Commentor Name daniel collins

Commentor County 88

Commentor State IN

Commentor City salem

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment what would be wrong with adding the 30-30 to the list of rifles? i know it doesn't make the size requirements, but it does as far aas the balistics and it is more popular.

Time stamp 02/01/2011 07:42:38 AM

Commentor Name John Ruppert

Commentor County 64

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Valparaiso

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Let's allow crossbows for the entire deer season. It will encourage and enable many more archery hunters to participate. The sucess rate will increase and that is good for all of us. Hunting will be plenty challenging anyway.

Time stamp 02/01/2011 11:38:43 AM

Commentor Name Robert Keys

Commentor County Out of State

Commentor State PA

Commentor City Apollo

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment The crossbow is no better or worse than a compound bow. Unless a person is really GOOD 50 yards is about maximum. I know people who ar deadly with a compound out to 100 yards, although this is the exception as it is with a crossbow.

Time stamp 02/01/2011 12:42:13 PM

Commentor Name Michael W. Bolin

Commentor County 84

Commentor State IN

Commentor City West Terre Haute

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I am very disappointed to learn that IN is contemplating allowing crossbows into the gun season. A crossbow permit for aging or handicapped hunters is acceptable, but a crossbow is more akin to a firearm and has no place in our bow season.

As far as the firearms season, I also hunt with a firearm, but it is my feeling that the firearms and the muzzleloaders season are too long and the firearm season is misplaced. In the area I hunt, deer numbers are most definitely down. Deer sightings are less than half of what they were just five years ago.

Indiana has the potential to provide a "quality" deer hunting experience for both residents and non residents alike IF they will use common sense practices that take the welfare of the deer herd into consideration.

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Sincerely,
Michael W. Bolin
Time stamp 02/01/2011 03:37:41 PM

Commentor Name david horinc
Commentor County 49
Commentor State IN
Commentor City indianapolis
Commentor Organization personal
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment a crossbow is another bow open it up for all archery season with no special tag. and handicap tags for crossbows to be used in gun season
Time stamp 02/02/2011 12:46:30 AM

Commentor Name robert walker
Commentor County 48
Commentor State IN
Commentor City anderson
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment Hello,

I like the new proposals to an extent, the crossbow should have already been a legal weapon years ago, simply because hoosiers buy deer tags and pay taxes so why should't they be allowed to use an effective weapon if they choose.

The firearm season and muzzleloader season should be reduced to the 9 days as previously proposed.

I also think the bonus tags are way too generous, I hunt in ohio and switzerland counties, and i have seen a good reduction in the deer population in my area. My neighbor down there seems to shoot enough deer for all the bordering properties but what can you do?

I would also like to see the non residents pay a little more to aquire the rewards of INDIANA'S deer herd. I see the non residents in the southeast corner come in from ohio and they shoot a buck and leave, make them earn a buck if we need to harvest more does.

THANKS for reading and I hope everyone appreciate's all of the DNR'S AND NRC'S hard work on this very difficult process.

thank you ROBERT WALKER
ANDERSON, IN
Time stamp 02/02/2011 03:33:00 AM

Commentor Name Doug Allman
Commentor County 29
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Fishers
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment It's dissappointing that the NRC rejected the science and behavioral theories of the first proposal in favor of a populist one that will fail to achieve the objectives of an optimal deer herd. The proposal now being advanced will do little to affect the desired change that the DNR first said it needed to achieve. Instead of shifting pressure from the male deer to female deer you will now increase the pressure on bucks by moving some firearms hunters into early archery season . The crossbow which requires much less skill to shoot will allow those gun hunters with neither the patience, nor the effort to perfect reasonable skills to harvest a deer with a bow, a chance to pull the trigger on one with a crossbow. That intended target will most likely be a antlered bucks as those new to the season desire to hunt the rut and take a buck. This fact is obvious in that the biggest objection to those not liking the first proposal was moving the gun season out of the rut and the limiting the days to take a buck. The objection to the first proposal was all about taking antlered deer. What makes the NRC or the DNR think that giving additional days of

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pulling the trigger in the rut is going to increase doe harvest.

It will not and in 5 years or less landowners will still be unhappy with the deer population. Of course it will be hard to change things as crossbows will be entrenched and the rank and file will still be wanting more and more but failing to take enough antlered deer. High powered rifles are next up .

Of course you could offer and print more tags. A idea that the DNR advanced time and time that has never worked. Until you change where hunters hunt and what they can kill nothing will change. Just like the Bonus County tag idea that removed county specificity that you had to apply for this plan will fail to. I realize these comments mean little but I want to go on record so I can say I told you so when it fails to produce desired results. Good luck with this idea.

Time stamp 02/02/2011 09:40:16 AM

Commentor Name Jonathan Talbott

Commentor County 10

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Jeffersonville

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I watched first had what crossbows did to the archery season when I lived in Ohio late 80's and early 90's... Bowhunting is supposed to be difficult, and we are giving a free pass to anyone who wants to participate... I desire the solitude of the archery season and feel that will be lost if crossbows are included... Do Indiana a favor and keep bow season to archery... and not cross"guns"...

Jonathan Talbott

Time stamp 02/02/2011 06:13:34 PM

Commentor Name John Krampe

Commentor County 82

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Evansville

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Much improved over previous proposal language and intent. With this many changes imposed on hunting a single species some negative affects will result. My concern is that they be addressed in a timely manner.

Thanks for allowing input on our hunting future.

Time stamp 02/02/2011 07:00:24 PM

Commentor Name Jerry L Bennett

Commentor County 73

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Fairland

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I like crossbow inclusion,full archery season,leaving firearms,muzzelloading as they are,package-license,late antlerlessseason & urbanlicinse.

Time stamp 02/02/2011 07:03:36 PM

Commentor Name Patrick Geleott

Commentor County 37

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Rensselaer

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I like every proposed rule change except for the hunter orange requirement on the outside of every side of the ground blind. This is making me regret buying a 400 dollar blind a few years back. If you ever hunted out of a ground blind you know it is much more difficult to

harvest a mature buck because your scent is at their level. If you don't already know this.. ground blinds stick out like sore thumbs in the deer's environment so what every good hunter needs to do is conceal the blind with ground cover or sticks or grasses,etc... How are you going to see hunter's orange if you really conceal your hunting blind???? This needs to be readdressed and hopefully my thoughts are pondered... Thank you Pat

Time stamp 02/03/2011 01:30:10 PM

Commentor Name David Seibel

Commentor County 30

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Greenfield

Commentor Organization N/A

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment As a hunter for over 30 years I have been a supporter of the DNR and it's programs. I was one that did not like the original proposal. Your followup proposal has merit but needs a slight tweak. I, as a bowhunter, support crossbows in early season for the reasons you support it. Where I think you are missing the boat is understanding deer behavior as the season progresses. If you truly want to reduce herd size you need to have an early gun season thrown in with the youth timeframe. If I have heard once I have heard it a thousand times in bow season....."if I would have had a gun the deer would be stacked up". As the season progresses the deer get spooked and on alert. Then they herd up in groups and by late season you hardly see the deer and when you do, they have already seen you because they have eyes in all directions at all times. The late season near Christmas is good in theory but the probability of a big turnout is low due to weather, beyond popular belief not all hunters like freezing their fannies off. Since it became legal I have shot does for meat every year and encourage others to do so. One question has come to mind after reading the comments on the new proposal is that the state does not promote QDM practices. If that were really true we would not have a 1 buck rule. If you would like to discuss this I can be contacted at 317-498-3708. Keep up the good work!

Time stamp 02/04/2011 05:13:00 AM

Commentor Name GRANT SLOFFER

Commentor County Out of State

Commentor State IN

Commentor City FORT WAYNE

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I am against allowing crossbows in archery season.

Time stamp 02/04/2011 10:06:46 PM

Commentor Name Bryan Weaver

Commentor County 27

Commentor State IN

Commentor City LaFontaine

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I like the look of the proposed regulation changes and thanks for listening to the public and their suggestions. I only have a few questions and concerns to the new rules. If we are concerned with reducing the deer population, then why not allow hunters to harvest antlerless deer on state properties? This would definitely reduce the deer herd and perhaps allow more antlered deer to reach maturity. I know that hunting deer for antler size only is a hot topic, but if we look at allowing more bucks to reach maturity, Indiana can continue to be a producer of large, mature bucks and become a destination for out-of-state hunters to harvest a trophy deer. This may frustrate many hunters, but this is a big business and the results would benefit us all. Another widely discussed topic is the youth hunt. I am an advocate of this special hunt as it allows us to expose a child to hunting. I have heard people suggest that only antlerless deer should be taken during this season and I disagree to a point. Why should a child be deprived of this experience? Instead of not allowing a youth to take a buck during this season, impose restrictions that a doe be taken before the harvest of an antlered deer? My last comment would be to advocate for an earlier start to the firearms season to allow those hunters the chance to hunt during the beginning/chasing phase of the rut. It seems we continue to fight for the bow hunter so that he/she has the perfect scenario for harvesting mature deer and that gun hunters get the tail end of the rut.

Again, thanks for listening to the public on this topic and adopting proposed changes that benefit the deer population and the hunters.

Time stamp 02/05/2011 04:28:07 AM

Commentor Name Ronald Eugene Shockome

Commentor County 35
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Huntington
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment Dear Sir,
I support the use of crossbows for hunting for everyone in all archery seasons.
I use a crossbow now for deer hunting (Handicap Crossbow Permit) and all of my friends would love to be able to do it also.
Thank You,
Ron Shockome
Time stamp 02/05/2011 05:22:53 PM

Commentor Name Todd E. Goodner
Commentor County 32
Commentor State IN
Commentor City clayton
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment While I am happy with the proposed deer changes as they currently are, I would like to see an early antler less season to hopefully bring more hunters out. I think just a 2 or 3 day season in October that allowed gun/ muzzle-loader use would bring more people to try deer hunting. There are many who I have talked to that show interest in this sport but are unwilling to sit for hours on end in the cold to maybe see a deer. These same people are able to shoot quite well with a small amount of practice but I would be afraid to be anywhere near in range of them with a bow due to the experience needed.

Thank you very much for all your hard work,

Todd E. Goodner
Time stamp 02/05/2011 05:47:26 PM

Commentor Name Terry Reaves
Commentor County 79
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Lafayette
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment I totally support every part of the proposed rule amendments.
Time stamp 02/05/2011 06:37:51 PM

Commentor Name David Bruce
Commentor County 26
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Princeton
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment I am glad to finally hear some good news! I approve of the current deer hunting amendments. I would really like for someone to reconsider lifetime hunting licenses though. Seriously what a better gift to a young adult for a graduation present than a lifetime of the outdoors. Even if offering the license on a trial basis to make sure state government adequately secures and uses the funds properly. Please give me some feed back on this topic if possible.
Time stamp 02/05/2011 09:25:36 PM

Commentor Name Jon Stahl
Commentor County 36
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Seymour

Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment Go back to your original proposed rule changes.
Time stamp 02/06/2011 08:30:34 AM

Commentor Name Danny East
Commentor County 55
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Martinsville
Commentor Organization Woody's Site
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment I am for all the new proposed rules, except changing the length of the PCR cartridges from 1.625 to 1.8 inches. I was one of the few individuals who requested that straight walled rifle rounds be legalized over 20 years ago, and was disappointed that cases with shoulders were allowed, but happy to see the PCR's legalized. We are just now using up all the old check sheets, and starting to compile real time use of the PCR's. Not enough time has elapsed to change the requirement.
Time stamp 02/07/2011 09:52:52 AM

Commentor Name Rod DeRoo
Commentor County 1
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Decatur
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment I love the round 2 proposals! Keep up the great work! Thanks for listening to the hunters in Indiana, and not just the organized hunting groups that are only pushing their own agendas.
Time stamp 02/07/2011 01:48:36 PM

Commentor Name Calvin E Hunt
Commentor County 34
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Kokomo
Commentor Organization Wildcat Deer Hunters
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment The more I read the new rules package the more I like it . It is more simplified and is on track for more weapon ,hunter ,and seasonal operatunity.And the late gun antlerless season is a good Idea as well.

I like the fact we get to keep the longer gun season to hunt not shorter. I feel safer knowing hunters do feel rushed to make poor shot decisions.

I also love the cross bow rule it is about time that guys like me and kids and women who are either do not care to shoot a vertical bow or it is just becomeing to much and we do not want to classified as handicapped!! Well done

Now if we can just close up that now obsolete OBR, and go back to some sort of two buck rule to reward the hunters who stay out hunting and take a doe with thier archery equipment. Also to help reduce bucks some just like the does herd , as well since if we have a deer herd numbers problem it needs to be addressed . Bucks are deer too and they make up at least 1/3 to 1/2 the total of our deer herd every year prior to season and their number is growing as well.

Thank you
I have been hunting deer heer for around 36 years, and its time for adjustments to help ageing and young deer hunters who want to hunt the regular archery season
ED Hunt
Time stamp 02/07/2011 02:10:41 PM

Commentor Name Steven K Reid Sr
Commentor County 50

Commentor State IN
Commentor City Argos
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment KUDOS TO YOU ALL.....!!

EXCELLENT set of rules.

Stop these morons from taking the process from the NRC and DNR with this even more moronic bill.

Good lord.....

God Bless you all for such a great set of improvements

Steve

Time stamp 02/07/2011 03:00:55 PM

Commentor Name Andrew Kaiser
Commentor County 87
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Boonville
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I would like to comment on my support for most of the Deer Ammendments. I fully support the full inclusion of crossbows in all of archery, but feel the separate license is not neccessary. I also support adding the week between firearms and muzzleloader to the archery season creating one season starting Oct. 1.

Time stamp 02/07/2011 03:17:16 PM

Commentor Name Steve Kailholz
Commentor County 15
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Lawrenceburg
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment After reading the new proposed rule changes, I would like to add one small twist. I would like to see the archery season extended until Jan. 31 for the entire state (or at least the counties that have a high antlerless quota), not just the 'urban zones'. As an avid bowhunter, this would be a welcome change. Would this make an impact on the deer population? No, it probably won't, but it would be a nice gesture to the true bowhunters in our state that keep hunting long after the " opening day crowd " has packed it in. Thank you , and I hope the DNR will give this serious consideration.

Steve Kailholz

21996 Stateline Rd.

Lawrenceburg, IN. 47025

Time stamp 02/07/2011 05:42:36 PM

Commentor Name Charles Evans
Commentor County 51
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Shoals
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I have been studying this from other websites, and find, that over 30 states now back crossbow hunting as most of our neighbors without any problems. It will be great for the economy as well. Bow Shops and stores will sell alot. DNR will sell lots of licenses. New people will take up archery so you might increase deer kills in the state of which your interested in. The Antis have lost every argument with all other states after they legliazed Crossbow hunting. And it really doesn't hurt anything to blend in crossbow hunters with archery or gun either. Give it a shot is all I ask DNR to do and let Indiana join the majority of the other States that have legilized crossbow and quit penalizing those that want to

hunt with a crossbow. Thanks for reading this.
Time stamp 02/07/2011 07:00:44 PM

Commentor Name Tom Steinberger
Commentor County 9
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Logansport
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment Gentlemen -

I DO NOT like the proposed deer hunting rule changes and urge you to drop these proposals.

1. We do not need crossbows in the general archery season. Crossbows are much easier, more accurate, and much longer range weapons than compound and recurve bows. Adding this much more efficient weapon to the general archery season will result in a much higher archery deer kill, particularly causing the demise of many more mature bucks, which we have worked so hard to establish the last couple years via the one buck rule.

2. We do not need an antlerless only late firearms season. Adding additional firearms deer hunting late in the season is unnecessary and will result in further reduction of a deer herd that is already in trouble, and way below the numbers we had only a few years ago. There ARE NOT too many deer in this area, and additional pressure and ahrvest will reduce the numbers to dangerously low numbers in many areas.

3. Special early youth seasons are not needed. Let the youth hunt the same seasons as everyone else and learn that this is a "sport" where you play by the same rules as everyone else.

Time stamp 02/08/2011 05:22:16 AM

Commentor Name Robert H. Weston II
Commentor County 16
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Greensburg
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment If we are going to maintain long gun seasons, can the rule be amended for the start of the season to be the Saturday before Thanksgiving? Having the gun season near the end of the rut will help to maintain a "healthy herd" and still allow harvest targets to be met satisfying the greater wishes of everyone involved. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Time stamp 02/08/2011 04:57:01 PM

Commentor Name Nathan Yazel
Commentor County 70
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Rushville
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I am afraid that I have to disagree with the addition of crossbows to the archery season, The crossbow does not meet the definition of archery equipment. I don't understand how anyone can view this as archery equipment. There is a long rich history of archery hunting in Indiana and catering to the laziness of the few people that want the crossbow addition to archery seasons is a shame. Seems quite a slap in the face to those who worked so hard to get archery seasons in our State.

Time stamp 02/09/2011 09:12:57 PM

Commentor Name H. Roger Miller
Commentor County 82
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Evansville
Commentor Organization Mc, Myself, and I

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Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment It is time that crossbow are recognized as archery equipment. And this change should be adopted for the following reason. Compound bows have at least 85% let off which allows the users the options of holding the draw in place for longer periods of time. The crowsbow is 100% let off for a difference of 15%. Arrow speed of crossbows are essentially that of compound bows when the speeds of the best selling compound bows and best selling crossbows are averaged. Crossbows kills in Ky last year were about 1% of the total deer killed which is insignificant and could be postulated to be the same in Indiana. Crossbows allow both the older hunter and younger hunter opportunities that now are unavailable to them.

Oposition to crossbows are individuals who are trying to protect thier own turf and not looking to expand the sport or reducing the deer herd in a logical manner by putting more hunter in the field.

I strongly urge the passing of these rules.

Time stamp 02/10/2011 09:22:53 AM

Commentor Name Dan Miller

Commentor County 50

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Plymouth

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment The additional late gun season is absolutely ridiculous. You are trying to wipe out a deer herd that does not need wiped out. Maybe if you kept better records, actually picked up tags from checkpoints, and added the depredation permit kills to the harvest record it would plainly show we are already killing WAY too many deer. Hunters will take a stand!!!! We are not shooting anymore deer besides 1 buck where we hunt. We refuse to partake in a herd slaughter. The DNR, politicians, insurance companies, and farmers will all see hunters will prevail!!!

Time stamp 02/10/2011 04:19:39 PM

Commentor Name Aaron Coffman

Commentor County 3

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Columbus

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I do not like the idea of crossbows being added to early archery season because crossbows are nothing more than a gun that shoots an arrow in my opinion. I think that crossbows will attract gun hunters that are known for "shooting anything that moves" and the safety of the hunter would be in great danger. I personally believe that what we have in place now is working very well in regards to the crossbow and would like for it to not be changed. I am a hunter of all deer seasons and we have trouble with trespassers during gun season mainly due to the fact that they are just out to kill something and I feel as though we would have this problem even more if crossbows are introduced to anyone. Thank you for listening to my input and look forward to the bundle package of licensese.

P.S.-A lifetime license option would also be very nice if that proposal would come back out.

Aaron Coffinan

Time stamp 02/11/2011 07:42:04 AM

Commentor Name christine herron

Commentor County 26

Commentor State IN

Commentor City owensville

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment dont like most of the proposed changes.how ever, more people would love to hunt the urban deer zone but most land owners feed them,think they are pretty and wont let you hunt.they may own 20 to 100 acres and refuse to give anyone permission to hunt. instead of letting a few hunters wipe out one area of deer, how about doing something to get more land owners to let hunters thin the deer not just wipe out a few areas.

Time stamp 02/12/2011 04:06:10 PM

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Commentor Name Dean Farr

Commentor County 49

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Indianapolis

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment This proposal is better than the first. Urban season is too long. Recommend eliminating January, Second offering a special low cost non-resident license for the new 8 day doe only season. Might attract new hunters, increase license sales, and doe harvest.

Time stamp 02/12/2011 06:14:57 PM

Commentor Name Nate Pierce

Commentor County 49

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Indianapolis

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I support this proposal and fully support crossbows as part of archery season. The only part I don't understand is the segregation of crossbows with its own license. There should also be a compound bow license if distinctions are made. The only true bow license would be traditional archery.

The only other thing I would recommend is bring back the lifetime license.

Time stamp 02/13/2011 08:07:42 AM

Commentor Name Donald R. Elpers

Commentor County 24

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Evansville

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment It is absolutely a bad idea to require the doe kill before a buck in the urban zones. If this is decided then the probability of archery hunters going before October 1 is NONE, who wants to be trapped into passing that trophy buck just because of this rule. No I believe this will reduce the proposed effect wanted, I know I will not go until after Oct. 1 for sure if passed. It is just not worth the risk of seeing a large buck and have to pass.

Time stamp 02/14/2011 08:31:50 AM

Commentor Name Jeremy Shireman

Commentor County 31

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Corydon

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I saw that the deer harvest this year was another record indicating a growing herd. I think the new proposals are going to help get the herd under control and hopefully they will be approved before next hunting season.

Time stamp 02/16/2011 11:20:43 AM

Commentor Name Sherwood Goff

Commentor County 31

Commentor State MS

Commentor City Gulfport

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Now that crossbows are legal, what is the status of the Draw-Loc?

Time stamp 02/17/2011 07:03:54 AM

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Commentor Name Bill
Commentor County 15
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Guilford
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment Look's alot better.Please do not cut out any days. Like the idea of crossbow also, thanks
Time stamp 02/17/2011 11:18:14 AM

Commentor Name kevin light
Commentor County 44
Commentor State IN
Commentor City lagrange
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment i believe the rule changes are not a good idea because since the county i hunt in raised the antlerless quota i have noticed a tremendous drop in deer sightings . four years ago it wasnt nothing for me to go out hunting and see fifteen or twenty deer in one evening and know im lucky to see that many during the whole year.that is why a few of my fellow sportsmen and i have resorted to only taking one or two deer if we are lucky. this year i was not able to take a deer due to a very low deer herd!!!! this has not happend to me ever!!!
Time stamp 02/17/2011 06:07:57 PM

Commentor Name Phillip A. Bard
Commentor County 17
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Auburn
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment I hunt with archery, rifle and muzzle loader. I have hunted deer in Indiana for 36 years and have gone along with most of the decisions that were made through the years, but I do not want to see deer season extended any more than it already is. If someone can't bag their deer in the allotted time frame we already have, I seriously doubt they will be successful in another week. From what I have observed over the past few years, I am seeing less deer where I hunt in DeKalb and Noble Counties. The other hunters I talk with tell me the same thing.

I do not want to see the cartridge length increase. Safety is important to me. I already see too many hunters try for "Hail Mary" shots and wounding too many animals.

I also detest all the deprivation permits issued. I have had some farmers tell me how deer are ruining their crops. What they are thinking deer are doing, is actually raccoon damage. Deer eat corn sure enough, but they don't knock over a corn stalk to eat it.

Why do all the rules get thrown out to take deer in the deprivation hunts? I hear of guys hunting with .300 Win Mags, shooting at 300 yards, killing multiple deer from the road and at night, and just letting them rot in the field. Why are we letting these guys do this? It makes me sick! There are plenty of butcher shops that will process deer for the food harvest bank.
Time stamp 02/18/2011 03:09:20 PM

Commentor Name william schnurr
Commentor County Out of State
Commentor State MI
Commentor City manistee
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment I support all the deer amendments as written. Inclusion of crossbow will encourage me to come to your state and hunt. Good job!
Time stamp 02/19/2011 11:14:05 AM

Commentor Name bryon swearingen
Commentor County Out of State

Commentor State OH

Commentor City Lancaster

Commentor Organization none

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Please allow crossbows to legal during archery season, more state are allow crossbow . PA michagan . Ohio has no problems with crossbows it will get MORE PEOPLE to buy hunting tags thanks BRYON SWEARINGEN

Time stamp 02/19/2011 04:00:39 PM

Commentor Name Douglas B. Egenolf

Commentor County 49

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Indianapolis

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Indiana has to many roads. And you want to add more????

There is not one wildlife species in Indiana that is really managed for quality!

You would have to pay me to shoot any does in the county I hunt in.

Why would a person like me. Be willing to Pay 4,000.00 for a week in another state to hunt white-tails or anything else. if Indiana had a decent population of any huntable species.

Spent five days last year in Indiana hunting white-tails. Did not see a single deer in the five different spots I sat and waited? Overpopulation?

Really? Don't see enough wildlife period. Don't see near enough DNR officers.

Time stamp 02/20/2011 11:12:45 AM

Commentor Name Farrel Weisheit

Commentor County 19

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Jasper

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I am a deer hunter and have been for 41 years have seen all kind of deer seasons from real good to not so good. I have seen your new posted deer kill for the 2010 season and must tell we are seeing less deer down here in our part of the state. I have hunted Dubois county and Davis county of which I own a 140 ac farm and I'm here to tell the population down here isn't what you think in numbers by far. I have several friends that deer hunt Orange, Martin, Perry & Crawford counties and they will tell you the same thing NO DEER or not near what we used to see. Just a few years ago it was nothing to see 10-12 deer during a days hunt if we now see 5 during the day between 3-4 hunters we all feel very fortunate. The numbers you put out are seem very boggies to all of us down here. I would not be writeing this to you if it wasn't the truth. You can ask just about any deer hunter in our area about lte number of deer he or she has been seeing the last couple years and you will get the same answer." Quote not seeing any deer". Also how many deer get poached / my guess is 1,000 plus that you. I'm not sure who is behind this big deer reduction and new law changes but I can tell as a true sportsman that most of the deer hunters in this area are truly against these new rule changes. I would suggest you contact some of these local hunters if you don't believe me. Thank you for your time. Farrel Weisheit

Time stamp 02/20/2011 01:09:24 PM

Commentor Name Tim Foltz

Commentor County 52

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Roann

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Would you consider adding .30-30 Win and .30 Rem. to legal rifle cartridges?

Time stamp 02/21/2011 09:19:12 AM

Commentor Name Gary Cissna

Commentor County 22

Commentor State IN

Commentor City New Albany

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Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment As a hunter who uses blinds alot for both deer and turkey hunting, I would ask that the idea of putting orange on blinds be voted DOWN. Don't you think we have enough micro-managing of hunter's, already?

Time stamp 02/21/2011 09:27:37 AM

Commentor Name Rod DeRoo

Commentor County 1

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Decatur

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Thank you for listening to the sportsmen/women of Indiana for this round of proposals! This time you got it right!

Time stamp 02/21/2011 09:26:56 AM

Commentor Name John Mascari

Commentor County Out of State

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Indianapolis

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment use more muzzleloader seasons they are safer and you do not here the autoloaders shooting 5 or 6 times and wounding a deer maybe make it so you cant have as many slugs in the gun. I hate hearing those many shots and seeing a deer running on three legs and having to use my tag to put it out of its misery. Or make sure people become proficient with the weapons before issuing a tag same for bow and cross bow

Time stamp 02/21/2011 10:28:46 AM

Commentor Name Arch Alexander

Commentor County 79

Commentor State IN

Commentor City West Lafayette

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment While I fully support the rule change to allow cartridges for rifles up to 1.8 inches long, I propose more drastic rule changes to define rifle cartridges should be made. It would be more logical and produce rules that more consistently match the ballistics of existing legal firearms such as 12 gauge sabot shotgun slugs and modern in-line smokeless muzzleloaders to rifle cartridges allowed, if the definition of a legal rifle cartridge was based on bullet velocity and/or energy rather than dimensions of the case. One example (from many I could cite) of a cartridge not allowed under the existing or proposed rule that is ballistically inferior to the legal firearms mentioned above, is the 38-55. This 100+ year old cartridge is not legal because its case is about two inches long but its 250 grain bullet is traveling much slower than the same weight projectile from a smokeless muzzleloader and carries far less energy than a 12 gauge slug. If you subscribe to the idea that safety is proportional to the ballistics of a cartridge (and for the record, I do not believe that relationship exists and has certainly never been proven) then the 38-55 is safer than the muzzleloader or the shotgun slug. Even if the case dimensions serve as the basis of the legal definition, exceptions could easily be listed (such as the 38-55) that would be allowed. In the rules for handguns the precedent has been established to list individual cartridges by name as exceptions e.g 25-20, 32-20, 30 carbine, and 38 special.

Time stamp 02/21/2011 12:12:25 PM

Commentor Name Paul McFeaters

Commentor County 51

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Loogootee

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I am in favor of and fully support the changes listed in the proposed rules.

Time stamp 02/21/2011 12:19:51 PM

AGENDA ITEM #13 (EXHIBIT B)

Commentor Name Martin Brockman

Commentor County 24

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Oldenburg

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I agree and support all of the listed changes except the one in regards to cartridge length increase. I firmly believe Indiana should allow 30/30 and .35 caliber rifles for deer hunting. Indiana hunters have shown that we can hunt safely using rifles with a variety of pistol cartridges and the use of these two calibers should not impact our great safety record. I really would prefer the law state exactly what calibers are legal instead of sizes. I think we should require that anyone using any type of rifle for deer hunting be required to pass a firearms safety course.

Time stamp 02/21/2011 12:41:15 PM

Commentor Name Justin Doxsee

Commentor County 2

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Fort Wayne

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Very happy to see full inclusion of crossbows throughout the entire archery season! Looks like a great way to attract new hunters and additional license revenue for the state. Also, very happy to see the rifle cartridge sizes upped to 1.8". Overall looks like a great job this time around including the additional changes to the seasons.

Time stamp 02/21/2011 01:12:00 PM

Commentor Name Ralph Perry

Commentor County 84

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Terre Haute

Commentor Organization Myself

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Excellent job of setting deer hunting seasons for all of us hunters that Do Not belong to groups like the IBHA or IDHA (we probably represent close to 80% of Indiana's deer hunters) and do not share their views as to trophy status of the state. The only thing that I might see changed is the solid orange on ground blinds from 144 sq inches to 324 sq inches on a side.

Definitly pass this.

Time stamp 02/21/2011 02:31:15 PM

Commentor Name John Kevin Haendiges

Commentor County 31

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Ramsey

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I approve of the deer ammendments as written.

Time stamp 02/21/2011 05:26:46 PM

Commentor Name Wesley Crawford

Commentor County 79

Commentor State IN

Commentor City W. Lafayette

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment My comment is about the length of the cartridge that will be allowed. It seems to me that length isn't the issue. It is the ballistics of the round that is important. For instance, it appears that you are increasing the length to 1.8 to accomodate the .460 Smith & Wesson round. That is a real fireball round when shot out of a rifle. However, rounds like the 38-55 or the 45-70 are not legal, but are ballistically inferior to the .460.

Seems like you should allow cartridges based on their ballistic performance. Why worry about length? Why not allow the old antique rifle calibers that I mentioned above since they certainly aren't going to go very far, if safety is the concern. How exciting it would be to be able to use antique calibers that had great accuracy, but limited range. Using ballistics would be a much better method of determining the legal cartridges. Okay, go ahead and do length for the pistol cartridges, but have an exception for some of the antique calibers.

Thanks for listening.

Time stamp 02/21/2011 08:22:30 PM

Commentor Name Dennis Isaacs

Commentor County 3

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Columbus

Commentor Organization Landowner

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I do not understand why the IDNR first proposed rule changes that would benefit archery hunters, firearm hunters, ones like me who do both, and the deer herd, then turn around and propose something that will end the sport of archery hunting in Indiana by making crossbow hunting season the same days as archery season. My family and I do not like anything about the "new" proposed changes and believe it takes away everything from the sport of bowhunting in our great state. Let the youth, handicap, and elderly use crossbows during an early crossbow season, but the ones capable of drawing a bow should be expected to during the first part of Indiana deer season.

Time stamp 02/22/2011 07:55:45 AM

Commentor Name Hunter Johnstone

Commentor County 55

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Martinsville

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I feel that you folks need to make a poll (that any Indiana hunter can vote on) on whether or not Crossbows should be legal during early or any hunting season. I personally believe they should not be permitted to anyone at any time during deer season unless they are: under the age of 10, over the age of 65, or have a legitimate shoulder problem disabling them from using a traditional compound or long bow. I say this because legalizing crossbows only leads to more (inexperienced) hunters who do not practice enough with their equipment. X-bow shooters tend to not know the limits of their equipment and think they are capable of much longer range shots than they actually are. They also think x-bows are like firearms and shoot very flat; when, in fact they are not and do not.

I, as well as many other hunters I know are very displeased with the lack of input we have been given in making these amendments and would very much like to see some changes.

Thank you,

Hunter J.

Time stamp 02/22/2011 04:23:14 PM

Commentor Name Andrew Skaggs

Commentor County 36

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Seymour

Commentor Organization Skaggs Builders Inc.

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I consider myself an avid bowhunter that obeys the laws governing our wildlife. Usually I just go with the flow with change, but when I found out that crossbows were going to become legal throughout all of archery season I almost got sick to my stomach. Crossbows should be allowed for those that cannot physically shoot a traditional bow or compound and that is it!! The challenge of archery is you have to practice and have tuned equipment to shoot accurately. Crossbows compared to a compound or recurve is like trying to mix oil with water. Crossbows take away what is special about archery season and the effort it takes to be ready for the shot! Keep archery season the way it is!! If you want to reduce deer numbers put the earn a buck into play. With today's antler crazy hunters, deer leases, & Hollywood hunters on TV, guys want to shoot bucks and not does. My family will only eat about one deer per year, so often times I will pass does. If you tell me I have to earn a buck tag. I will be taking a doe! Allowing crossbows in the early archery season is not going to get the job done it is just going to frustrate serious bowhunters.

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Thank you

Time stamp 02/23/2011 07:12:43 AM

Commentor Name Alvin J. Hochgesang

Commentor County 34

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Kokomo

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I am in favor of the latest set of rule changes for deer hunting. I really like all the options hunters will have as far as seasons and equipment they can use to hunt deer. I think this will be a good way to manage the deer herd as long as we do a good job in designating antlerless quotas for individual counties. Thanks.

Time stamp 02/23/2011 02:36:52 PM

Commentor Name chad allen zartman

Commentor County 43

Commentor State IN

Commentor City warsaw

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment please kill this proposal. this proposal does not effectively addresss our DOE problem, only adds weapons and # of days. more days does not equal more dead deer. keep crossbow, shorten gun season, subsidize meat processors so that extra deer can be dropped off free of charge.

Time stamp 02/25/2011 06:45:27 AM

Commentor Name David E Carroll

Commentor County 10

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Jeffersonville

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I have been hunting with a crossbow in Ky for the past several years it is good to see this coming to Ind. as a senior hunter it allows me much more time in the woods.

Telecheck would also be a benafit to Indiana hunters anything to simplify the process and get more hunters into the field. Some type of sportsman package for lic. issue would help also.

A easier security code to read would help aslo,,,,,,,,

Time stamp 02/25/2011 07:49:34 AM

Commentor Name Jason Simler

Commentor County 22

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Georgetown

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I believe the new deer proposal is positive change, and would recommend the passing of the proposal as law.

Time stamp 02/25/2011 12:44:27 PM

Commentor Name Harold E. Hopkins

Commentor County 3

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Columbus

Commentor Organization Indiana Bowhunters Association

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I am in opposition to adding crossbows into early archery season.

I have never stood in the way of someone wanting to hunt - I have been actively recruiting hunters for over 30 years. I have taught hunter ed and bowhunter ed for over 25 years. Everyone who wants to hunt should be able to hunt. But we need to respect the integrity of the structured seasons.

The addition of crossbows into the early archery season will not achieve the original objective of removing pressure from the bucks and placing more pressure on the doe herd. This part of the proposal will only serve to divide a once strong DNR supporting constituency for no real gain.

More deer will certainly be killed in the early archery seasons, but that kill will be shifted from the firearms season.

Let's find ways to achieve the objective without making enemies. I cannot support adding a weapon which shoots 2 inch groups at 100 yards (from crossbow ads) into the archery-only seasons. Having crossbows in a separate season with their own license is an acceptable compromise, I would support giving them a season beginning first of gun season and ending at the end of the last season, which would allow them to share the woods and give them 60 days of good hunting opportunity.

The original proposal was sound biologically and would definitely have achieved the stated objective, but was rejected because of social opposition (heritage being a large factor). This one is not sound biologically, nor socially to those who believe in the archery heritage.

Time stamp 02/25/2011 02:58:52 PM

Commentor Name Kevin Ort

Commentor County 2

Commentor State IL

Commentor City Fort Wayne

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment i would just like to comment on the new deer hunting rules. Im all for changing it up a little bit, but what you guys have proposed is a little off the deep end. You want to get doe numbers down after you just knocked the shit out of them the last couple years. I hunt in the top producing steuben county, and yes you have had record harvest numbers there over the last couple of years. I dont know if you know it or not but the numbers are way down. And if you keep concentrating on killing more and more does we are not going to have near the population or success rate as we have had in recent years, and that in turn will contribute to less hunters and then less licences being sold. I am seeing almost half the deer numbers on the property we hunt compared to a few years ago and we dont even shoot does. Im not against it but properties around us are shooting them all up being able to take eight antlerless deer in one county, that is ridiculous. And now you want to have a gun season in october for two days. The way you are wanting to change gun season sounds good without the two day early gun season. A nine day gun season and then the antlerless only season will be more than enough to keep the doe population down. And then you want to add a crossbow season. Crossbows are deer wounders. I have hunted in Ohio and have family that hunts there, and talking to them and other people they find about one deer for every three they shoot. they have no place here in indiana. People hunting with them think they can shoot deer from sixty yards away because they can hit a target from that far, but the arrow does not have near enough kinetic energy to get the job done ending up with a crippled or lost dead deer. They find more big bucks dead from crossbows because people see a monster buck way out there and they fling an arrow at it and wound it. Compound bow hunters are not like that. It takes a responsible person to bow hunt. You have to practice all the time. People go out with a crossbow and sight it in and never shoot it again until they go hunting. Unless your handicap or over sixtyfive years old no one should be aloud to use a crossbow. We have a lot of tradition here in indiana, i just dont see why we have to change it up that much. Moving gun season back a week is the best thing ive heard in a long time. There should be a few more decent bucks make it thru to next year. I dont have a degree in natural resources but i have been hunting here for over thirty years and i do know what i am talking about. You need to find some other way to make some money for the state. Im not sure what that is but i know the word crossbow is not in it.

Time stamp 02/25/2011 08:03:44 PM

Commentor Name Jose' D. Miller

Commentor County 20

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Middlebury

Commentor Organization None

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I believe we are doing an injustice in creating an older, more mature buck herd by allowing Firearms Season to begin during the prime rut. Why can we not move the firearms season back one week as proposed? This would allow the opportunity for archers to harvest the mature buck which they have been patterning all season(s). There are many more firearms hunters than archers and deer get "bumped" from properties to properties making it more "dumb luck" in harvesting a mature buck. I believe that gun season should be moved back and i believe that the

firearms seasons should be shortened to several two or three day blocks spread out by archery during later seasons. Similiar to that of Illinois. Indiana has their firearms season to long anyway.

Please, Please, Please, Please

- move firearms season back at least one week
- split gun season (several weekends split by archery) so it is not a two week slaughter of terrified animals just running everywhere
- do not add crossbow to early season
- add a telecheck system to save money for the State

Time stamp 02/26/2011 04:11:42 PM

Commentor Name Michael Norris

Commentor County Out of State

Commentor State NC

Commentor City Southern Pines

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I am a land owner in Switzerland County and travel home to hunt several times a year. I appreciate the reciprocal land owner agreement you have with North Carolina. I am happy that you all are planning to add a late antlerless fire arms season. This is something I suggested in 2002 or 2003 at an open house at Kingsbury Widfire Area. The DNR agent on site did not agree with my suggestion. But I do believe that if you want more hunters in the future you need to allow for more hunting opportunities during the times of year when younger people are home on holiday breaks, vacations, or leave. Not everyone will archery hunt in late December, but more people will take a shotgun or muzzleloader into the woods to shoot a doe or two. I know I will.

I would also like to see the fire arms seasons move closer to Thanksgiving. Possibly opening the Saturday before Thanksgiving and continuing for three weekends like it does currently. Thank you for your hard work.

Time stamp 02/27/2011 07:25:39 AM

Commentor Name Alan Stringer

Commentor County 36

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Seymour

Commentor Organization IBA

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Don't feel there are too many deer in Indiana, just pockets where too many deer exist. Should have addressed these isolated areas, not the entire state. Also, crossbows should have own season, not be grouped with the archery season. I feel these rule changes should not be implemented and should have more thought and consideration.

Time stamp 02/27/2011 06:10:46 PM

Commentor Name albert.j reed

Commentor County 45

Commentor State IN

Commentor City griffith

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I would like to express concern for the application of the deer rules changes, to, fish and wildlife state areas. I hunt the willow slough fva and last season, there were several antlerless deer, bonus antlerless hunt dates that allowed hunters to take the county quota per licensed hunter. Willow slough is a big place, but I fear that this would be a common place development, for willow slough as well as other f.w.a. the amount of hunting pressure the deer herd sees in a hunting year, would not be able to sustain, a continued similar practice as this past years antlerless bonus hunts at willow slough. I completely understand the concepts of wild life conservation, am a member of the Isaac Walton league, a life long hunter and outdoorsman, I do not condone, over harvesting deer or other wildlife for the sake of satisfying the pressures of lobbyists at the state house. Please consider the effects of over harvest, prior to its happening!. also we need to charge a recipricatory rate for out of state hunters i.e. charge illinois hunters the same fees they charge us and so forth. For the most part I support the current proposal on deer hunting

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regs.but dont rush this .my last point has to do with access to private properties,from my perspective,succes of this proposal depends completely,on land owners opening thier lands to hunters,otherwise there will be pocket herds that will be,untouchable.it semms that the program,hunters helping farmers is,not working for everyone,I say this because i have applied to the program several times,no response.apparently farmers dont want help,from myself or all the other hunters that have applied and have gotten not even a reply whats up with that?It seems your gonna have to figure out how to help hunters gain legal acces to properties that have large herds.this does seem the most un likely task to undertake but its probaly the most important!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!.

Time stamp 02/27/2011 07:00:00 PM

Commentor Name Randy Hughes

Commentor County 21

Commentor State OH

Commentor City Washington Court House

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I feel that having a crossbow season will be an big addition to the hunting opportunities in Indiana. I feel that a hunter should have the right to choose which type of bow they use in the field. Some people don't have the time to practice with a compound bow. It also gives children and older adults that can't pull a compound bow back extra time in the field. We need more hunters and this is a great way to get more people involved.

Time stamp 02/27/2011 08:07:57 PM

Commentor Name George Wright

Commentor County 71

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Mishawaka

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Firearms: I think the currant regs. are sufficiant for dear harvest. I do not agree with adding 8 days in late Dec.

Archery: I agree with the proposed regs.

Crossbow: I approve of allowing dissabled and age 65 hunters using crossbows during all archery seasons. I do not think we should include crossbows rated over 340 feet per second [PSE TAC] in the archery season.

Muzzle loaders: I agree with currant and proposed regs.

Time stamp 02/28/2011 06:10:32 AM

Commentor Name Brenda Marshall

Commentor County 40

Commentor State IN

Commentor City North Vernon

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Bowhunters have fought for decades for their seasons as well as non-bowhunting seasons. I support crossbows as long as they have their own license and own season. I don't believe the desired result of killing more deer will be influenced. Currently, EVERY deer hunter has the opportunity to hunt any season, they just need the dedication to learn to use new equipment.

Time stamp 02/28/2011 06:51:32 AM

Commentor Name Ralph T. Murray

Commentor County 25

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Rochester

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I am not a hunter...but I strongly feel that Indiana's deer herd, especially in my area needs to be drastically reduced. I am a 911 dispatcher for Fulton county and we have a lot of vehicle-deer collisions. Also, not more than a mile and a half north of my residence on any

given evening one can see more than 100 deer at once feeding in a field on the north side of the Tippecanoe river...east of US HWY 31. The field they are in is private property. Many mornings and evenings I can look into the fields behind my house and across the road from my house and see two dozen or more deer at once. In the winter when snow is on the ground....there are deer footprints cutting through my yard that look like a deer trail expressway.

I am no biologist...but to me we have a serious deer problem. I don't know why the farmers in this area are not jumping up and down at the amount of crop loss they must have each year,

I might consider becoming a hunter if the cross-bow rule takes effect. because I could hunt from my backyard.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide my input on this issue.

Time stamp 02/28/2011 07:02:03 AM

Commentor Name Roger Lee Nelson

Commentor County 53

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Bloomington

Commentor Organization I.B.A.

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment To Whom It May Concern:

I have been a stick shooter since I was a boy playing cowboys and Indians. I have a compound bow but I do not shoot it,I prefer traditional.

I know like compound bows the crossbow is coming,but to me if you shoot a crossbow you might as well be shooting a gun.

I am not saying crossbows should not be used but I am saying they should have their OWN SEASON ,not with regular bows. I have a brother who is handicapped and wants a crossbow which is fine BUT he needs his own season.

THANK YOU

Roger L. Nelson

U.S.A. RET.

Time stamp 02/28/2011 09:18:51 AM

Commentor Name Steve Scudder

Commentor County 69

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Milan

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I am writing to express my oppositions to the deer rule change proposal #2. Two of them in specific. I want to add that I've been an avid deer hunter with the use of a bow and muzzleloader for the past 25 years and am a life time license holder.....

First off, is the proposal for adding crossbows into the early archery season. I myself and several others that I know are devoted bow hunters that spend time to perfect our shooting skills with hours of practice. We take the time and use our skills that we've gained to harvest animals in the safest and most humane way possible. If you allow crossbows, the woods will become an early gun season of sorts with many hunters that have no respect for time and patience as the bow hunters do. A crossbow is nothing more than a "silent gun" that uses a string to fire its projectile instead of the means of fire & powder. It has no business being implemented into the early archery season, which is to all bow hunters a sacred time to be in the woods. Implementing crossbows will also open the door to more trespassing and game violations in my opinion and also the opinion of several others that I have discussed this with. Someone armed with basically a gun that is silent will have no fear of crossing property lines if he feels the need too. It is bad enough during the firearms season as it is with trespassing, and they aren't silent. The crossbow currently has a season as it is and there just is not a valid reason to include them in the early archery season. I would hope that this will be kept the way it is and leave the early archery season to those that are devoted to their season and to avoid any problems in the future with violators.

Second, is the proposal for adding a late season antlerless only season. As it stands, some areas of the state may need deer numbers reduced. But, the entire state does not need this. In the areas that I hunt of Ripley, Dearborn, and Franklin counties, the deer numbers are not what they used to be. Some areas were hit hard by the EHD a couple years back and the herd still has not recovered from this. My son and I both have seen a big drop in numbers compared to the years past, and I will add that we hunt almost every day from October 1st, thru the beginning of January while there is a season open for deer. We are out in the woods physically, and use trail cameras enough to know what the herd is like, and it's definitely not in need of being reduced more than it currently is in our area. Also, in a state that currently has a One Buck Rule in place, I would think this would not be wanted anyway. Several bucks will have shed their antlers at this point in the season, and will be mistaken for a doe and killed. I

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would hope that you will review this proposal more in depth and only target the areas of the state that are in need of reduction if need be. I ask you, please do not dwindle our most precious resource away by increasing the harvest numbers by adding a late antlerless only season. I have 3 sons, one that currently hunts with me, and 2 that are soon to start. I hope the future of deer hunting for them will not be time spent chasing what once was a strong, flourishing herd, but no longer is due to bad judgment calls by our DNR.

Thank you for hearing my voice.....

Best regards,

Steve Scudder

Time stamp 02/28/2011 09:46:11 AM

Commentor Name Paul Taylor

Commentor County 71

Commentor State IN

Commentor City South Bend

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment You are on the right track. We must do something to reduce the deer population. I live in an suburban area, and we have 3 or 4 deer every day eating our hostas, wintercreeper, and sometimes trying to get into our bird feeders. While I have never personally hit a deer with my car, I am very leery driving at night on rural roads.

Time stamp 02/28/2011 10:08:44 AM

Commentor Name Robert E Bieler

Commentor County 1

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Decatur

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment i am against adding crossbows to the early archery season.

Put them in the gun season only.

Time stamp 02/28/2011 10:58:35 AM

Commentor Name Thomas M Styborski

Commentor County 46

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Union Mills

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment While I do not believe that there are too many deer across the state, I am in favor of allowing crossbows for use during the regular archery season. While the new proposals allow for our younger hunters to have more hunting opportunities, there is nothing really special there for our seniors. After all, our seniors dollars have made the sport what it is today and deserve a little more consideration. A crossbow would be much easier for seniors to use during the nicest time of the season and usually the time when most deer are seen. Many seniors have trouble walking through the deep snows which are more prevalent later in the year.

Time stamp 02/28/2011 11:19:33 AM

Commentor Name joseph broughton hudson

Commentor County Out of State

Commentor State OH

Commentor City convoy

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I do not agree with allowing crossbow use in the archery season. I do however agree with the license bundle for deer. This is agreeat

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opportunity and add flexibility for the hunter and his time in the field. It is also more in line with other states, rather than the single season license currently used. I do not live in Indiana but i am a military member stationed in the state.

Time stamp 02/28/2011 12:05:44 PM

Commentor Name Wanda B. Zahrt

Commentor County 66

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Winamac IN 46996

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I am in favor of changing the Deer Hunting laws to allow more deer to be removed in a humane way. This winter we had --at several times--26 deer in our front lawn. The deer have destroyed all the evergreens in our landscaping and it will cost several thousand dollars to replace what was there--arborvite, holly, ewes, ground cover, etc. Anything that had a bit of green on it is gone. So, yes I am very much in favor of decreasing the deer population in Indiana. Also, everytime we drive into our subdivision we encounter at least two deer crossing the roads; increasing the risk of having a deer related auto accident. Thank you for allow me to express my opinion.

Time stamp 02/28/2011 12:12:05 PM

Commentor Name james mullins

Commentor County 39

Commentor State IN

Commentor City canaan

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I am writing to express my opposition to the deer rule change proposal #2.

I have hunted most of my life, it's something I truly enjoy and something that I can enjoy with my wife as we both love the outdoors.

In my, and a lot of my local hunters, opinions, crossbows should not be included in the early season! I take a lot of pride in the fact I bow hunt and take the time to practice and know my effective range in order to make a killing shot on deer. I put alot of time and effort in that every year. The crossbow takes very little effort to master. A crossbow like the PSE Tac 15, has at least twice the range of a compound, there are youtube videos where it is shown being shot at 100yds and hitting within an inch of each shot. It should not be in the same season as a regular bow. If for nothing else, for safety's sake.

It's said that the crossbow will introduce more hunter in the sport, I just don't see it, as for youths, they won't have the money to buy one. The older folks that have a hard time drawing a bow can already use a crossbow with the proper permits. That only leaves gun only hunters that want to hunt early season and not practice enough to hunt with a regular bow. How's that introducing more hunters?

If anything, allow youths to use crossbows till there youth licence is up and let 55 yrs or older use them. Able bodied people can use a regular bow, it's not that hard.

Most of the people I talk to are against the use of crossbows in early season. The big push it mostly from crossbow manufacturers and out of state residents that want to lease.

I'm also against the late season deer hunt, in my county over the last 3 yrs or so the population has been going down. We were hit with EDH pretty hard, the bonus tags were never adjusted, and now we are seeing the results. This is the first year, in close to 15, I have ever seen my neighbors use deer drives to try an kill deer. Usually we all just stand hunt and get what we need, not this year, the number of deer just were not there. I killed a doe in late muzzleloader season and actually felt guilty, think I should not have shot her because of the low numbers. Another reason I am against the late season deer hunt is that I shed hunt every year, and have found sheds on dec.10th, how many bucks will get killed in that time?

The real problem is access, the places that have a high population have limited or no hunter access,(LEASES) not the whole southern half of the state. It has taken since the 1950's to get our deer population to where it is right now, it won't take too much time imo to do enough harm, to take many yrs to fix. WE ARE NOT OVER POPULATED IN MY AREA.

Thanks for your time.

James Mullins

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Commentor Name Craig Oswald

Commentor County 71

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Osceola

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment We hit a deer in 2010 and in spite of fixing \$7000 damage to our car, it will never have the same value or life span as it did prior to the accident.

I support any rule or measures that will thin Indiana's deer herd to normal levels. Not only to reduce car/deer conflicts, but to also restore Indiana forests. Scientific documentation abounds that demonstrate that deer are like cattle mowing down Indiana's long term ability to maintain its forests (source: Indiana Nature conservancy, Merry Lea-Goshen College). And since most people would not support restoration of top predators like wolves or panthers, this is the only reasonable alternative. Yes I support herd reduction.

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Commentor Name W. Robert Scheidt

Commentor County 71

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Granger

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Far too many deer. I have seen as many as nine does in a single group at times this winter. This is in addition to other smaller groups. Many more does need to be harvested. Perhaps even a season or two without any bucks whatsoever.

Time stamp 02/28/2011 07:00:56 PM

Commentor Name Erin Malcomb

Commentor County 40

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Commiskey

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I am completely AGAINST the proposal to use crossbows in the early archery season.

Time stamp 03/01/2011 03:38:12 AM

Commentor Name kcith tobar

Commentor County 71

Commentor State IN

Commentor City mishawaka

Commentor Organization none

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment new regs sound good to me especially crossbow rules i,m 79 and can't pull and hold a bow well but would love to early bow hunt. ignore the non-hunter opposition tree huggers!!!!

Time stamp 03/01/2011 06:49:40 AM

Commentor Name Carl J Baltes

Commentor County 44

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Lagrange

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment The proposal to extend the Indiana Deer Hunting season is absurd. Our current season is one of the most liberal around and to extend the season from 34 to 42 days will end up reducing the deer herd. This proposal should be stopped immediately.

Time stamp 03/01/2011 07:37:42 AM

Commentor Name Karl Erickson

Commentor County 71

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Granger

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I support all the proposed rule changes with the exception of allowing crossbows to be used during the bow season. I am a life long bow hunter and Indiana resident. Cross bows do not require nearly the same skill level to be used effectively as a compound bow requires. I do not believe that those folks using cross bows will put in the practice time necessary to be able to humanely harvest a deer. I believe that using crossbows will result in more wounded animals which will not be recovered.

Time stamp 03/01/2011 08:08:15 AM

Commentor Name Greg Yazel

Commentor County 16

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Greensburg

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment The goal from what I read is "targeted" reduction of the antlerless herd. Making a new season, and introducing a new weapon across the state is NOT "targeted reduction". There are several counties, and areas that are far from needing further reduction, and adding these will only further reduce the herd where it is not needed. I live, hunt and farm in one of them. Once a season and weapon is added to the season structure, there will be no going back. So, once the herd is at an "acceptable" level, to maintain that level, and not further reduce it, the only thing left to do would be shorten the season. Not an option I am willing to accept.

I am not apposed to making a separate license for the xbows, as long as they are left where they are at in the current season structure.

Crossbows are not archery equipment, and do NOT belong in the early archery season.

If the crossbows are left in this proposal to be introduced into the early archery, I do not approve of this round of proposals.

Time stamp 03/01/2011 11:26:47 AM

Commentor Name Ronald Mark Hardin

Commentor County 20

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Bristol

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Pro-Crossbow:

Even though I do not own a crossbow it only seems logical to adopt the new changes allowing the use of a crossbow during regular archery season. It will bring more revenues through license sales and more hunters, especially young hunters who have not mastered the compound or long bow. I have a 14 year old son that gun hunts for deer and has expressed great interest in a crossbow obviously for several reasons:

- 1) learning curve of the weapon
- 2) confidence level of making clean kills due to accuracy
- 3) there seems to be a real interest in crossbows with other hunters his age. (Coolness or comradery among them)

I know there are lots of anti-crossbow segments out there just as there has been for the modern in-line muzzleloaders (which we all know are more accurate and long range than any slug gun). By the way I am not a muzzleloader hunter but it allows more hunters and hunter hours in the field, which helps control the deer herd I am all in.

Please pass the crossbow rule changes for the future of hunting in Indiana and the continued reduction of our herd.

Sincerely,

R. Mark Hardin and my son J. Hunter Hardin
Time stamp 03/01/2011 12:09:39 PM

Commentor Name Anthony Smith
Commentor County 67
Commentor State IN
Commentor City cloverdale
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Glad to see we are making the archery season longer, if we could only find a way to lower the price of processing the extra deer we could take.

Time stamp 03/01/2011 04:45:43 PM

Commentor Name Scott Hagler
Commentor County Out of State
Commentor State IL
Commentor City Carbondale
Commentor Organization PBS
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment If the state of IN must introduce crossbows into deer seasons, PLEASE do not include them in the current archery seasons. Do not shorten the current archery seasons to make a crossbow season. Crossbows due to the nature of being loaded and cocked (mechanically held) should only be used with like weapons, such as guns in the current gun seasons.

Crossbows will only lead to more poaching and hunter accidents because of the small or non-existent amount of hunting experience of the people that would use this type of weapon.

Time stamp 03/01/2011 05:10:07 PM

Commentor Name Brian D. Noojin
Commentor County 45
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Saint John
Commentor Organization Indiana Bowhunter's Association/Lifetime License Holder
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Please Do Not Allow Crossbows in the Archery season! A crossbow is not a bow. It is a weapon with a proven track record of misfires and mechanical failures. Also, I think we should reduce the shotgun and muzzleloader season. It's just too long. And, please do not expand cartridge sizes for rifles. Finally, we must increase the price of out of state tags and either have a drawing for out of state tags or just a finite number of over the counter tags. Too many out of state hunters are leasing and Outfitters are flocking to properties denying taxpayers precious hunting land. Adjacent States like Illinois charge \$411 for and over the counter tag. Furthermore, one usually obtains a tag once every three years in Iowa. As a traditional bowhunter I firmly believe a crossbow has no place in an archery season. Allowing it in the gun season makes perfect sense.

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Commentor Name Jerry M. Pickel
Commentor County 48
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Pendleton
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I live in the south west corner of Madison county, near the Pendleton Correction facility grounds.

I have observed the deer population on and near our farm is less each of the past 5 years. I used to see herds of 15 to 30 deer in the winter. This year the largest I have seen is 8. The largest herd was 42 in 1994.

I believe the deer population is reduced over the recent past years. I do not see much crop damage from deer. Raccoons are the real problem here. I want to maintain the existing regulations, before extending the season in this area. My concern is that we will not have deer in a few more years. As a youngster, I remember no deer at all. I don't want to go back to that day.

Time stamp 03/03/2011 06:54:33 AM

Commentor Name David Hicks

Commentor County 47

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Springville

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I would like to state for the record that I can support all of the deer proposals put forth with the exception of crossbows in early archery season. I have heard crossbow proponents state that allowing them for the entire season will attract young hunters and allow older hunters to continue hunting.

My proposal that takes those views into consideration is to allow crossbows in early archery season ONLY for the following (with the obvious exception for handicapped hunters):

1. Youth hunters
2. Hunters age 60 and over
3. Hunters of any age in urban deer zones

By limiting it to those above, you have the benefits of allowing younger and older hunters who cannot draw standard archery equipment to use easier-to-field crossbows anywhere in the state, yet at the same time you are also allowing hunters of any age to target deer where the herd needs thinned the most.

I just cannot support crossbows in early archery season for everyone.

Time stamp 03/03/2011 02:44:58 PM

Commentor Name DOUGLAS J DEVER

Commentor County 15

Commentor State IN

Commentor City LOGAN

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I THINK THE USE OF CROSSBOWS WILL BRING IN ALOT MORE HUNTERS AND REDUCE THE HERD. I DONT THINK ANY OTHER CHANGES WILL HAVE MUCH SUCCESS

Time stamp 03/03/2011 04:38:21 PM

Commentor Name Kelly M Hunt

Commentor County 34

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Kokomo

Commentor Organization wildcat deer hunters

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Thanks for the new rules package I love the crossbow rule maybe now I will be able to hunt in archery season with my family instead of setting at the house because even though not injured I was unable to shoot the minum required weigh more than a shot or two and I was very inaccurate because my arms were not ever strong enough to shoot a bow.

I also can not wait till the OBR goes away soon hopefully there are way too many buck deer out thre just as there are doe deer and they chase does all november and my minivan is not a buck battering ram!!

Thank you keep up the good work .

Time stamp 03/03/2011 05:04:51 PM

Commentor Name Allen Berger

Commentor County 19

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Ferdinand

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I hunt spencer and perry counties. Our deer herd, especially does, has been really down the past two years. WE do not need another doe season or more does killed. We need to cut back on doe permits. We need to let our deer herd grow to what it was five years ago.

Time stamp 03/03/2011 05:07:07 PM

Commentor Name Tristan Scudder

Commentor County Out of State

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Milan

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment If crossbows were able to be used I think maybe only older people or handycap people would be able to use them. Otherwise crossbows shouldn't be allowed in early archery season.

Time stamp 03/04/2011 03:53:12 PM

Commentor Name Tim Trabel

Commentor County 15

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Guilford

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I oppose the proposed deer hunting rule changes. Allowing crossbows in the early portion of bow season would make this season more dangerous than the gun season because you cannot hear shots from crossbows and they are as lethal as most shotguns. Being a land owner often means I must ask people to not trespass on my land and these people are detected and/or deterred by the sound of their shots. If given a weapon such as a crossbow this will only increase poacher activity. Opening a season in January is not needed, I am a farmer and there is no over population of deer in my area.

Time stamp 03/05/2011 10:28:49 AM

Commentor Name Lewis Erwin

Commentor County 76

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Pleasant Lake

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Overall I like the new rule changes.

Something needed to be done to help get more hunters involved. The bow season is definitely an under-utilized season - by adding the crossbow I believe this will help motivate more hunters to be in the field earlier. This includes myself.

The proposed archery changes in extending the bow season through the normal shotgun season is a good idea as well. This should help hunters who hunt with strictly the bow to stay in the field longer.

I understand the reasoning for the antlerless season at the end of Dec - but I don't see this as having a significant impact. I doubt that a hunter will hunt that hard for a doe. I think it would be better utilized to be in between the shotgun and muzzleloader seasons - if at all.

The clarification on tagging requirements is definitely a good idea.

Last but not least the requirement for ground blinds to have hunter orange applied is a great idea. Although I don't know of any accidents - with the additional bowhunters in the field this would be great prevention.

Thanks

Lewis Erwin

Time stamp 03/06/2011 06:38:32 AM

Commentor Name gary a double

Commentor County 90

Commentor State IN

Commentor City bluffton

Commentor Organization none

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment no crossbows during early archery season and if there is crossbow make wear hunter orange during this season.

Time stamp 03/06/2011 02:22:34 PM

Commentor Name Rod Hite

Commentor County 69

Commentor State IN

Commentor City versailles

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I feel crossbows should have a late season only. I believe the archery rules as established have proven to work well. If there needs to be a greater reduction then simply apply Crossbows with gun and run both archery and crossbow through the dead week between gun and muzzleloader. If needed extend muzzleloader through Dec.

Time stamp 03/06/2011 08:00:58 PM

Commentor Name Andrew McLaughlin

Commentor County 38

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Pennville

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I am a lifelong Hoosier Hunter. The idea of shortening the firearms season to reduce the deer population doesn't make a bit of sense.

If you want to reduce the deer population, you should focus on making it easier for hunters to get into the field. The best way to get hunters in the field is to make it easier on the wallet, and the most reasonable way to that is not to restructure the hunting season but restructure the usage of the Tags.

Purchase 1 antlerless permit, to be used until it has been filled, using any legal equipment.

Purchase 1 antlered permit to be used until i has been filled, using any legal equipment. But only can be purchased after an antlerless deer has been checked-in.

Purchase up to 4 antlerless permits and, 1 antlered per hunter. Plus any Urban, State Parks, or Special Military Reserve Hunts

Please consider this as an alternative to your proposed season changes

Time stamp 03/06/2011 08:08:46 PM

Commentor Name michael a. jasper

Commentor County 57

Commentor State IN

Commentor City churubusco

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment i am oppose to taking more deer i have seen reduction in herds of deer. the only hunters taking a limit do so as a game, not for the meat or sport. Kill just to kill have attitude doing the state a favor.seen and herd this from many hunters. as for the insurance co. drivers who hit deer with cars are just bad drivers.i watch for deer when driving.as for farmers,there having record crops, yields more per acre every year, vary vary limited small areas may show crop damage.i just do not buy the argument, i'm a hunter my sons &i take 2-4 deer a year that's all we can cat. we have a hard hard time harvesting over 1 year old does 3year old bucks i belive this is oppinion of most hunters .

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Time stamp 03/08/2011 01:38:25 PM

Commentor Name Robert Miller

Commentor County 91

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Monticello

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment In considering this amendment, I feel it would provide greater opportunity for the youth of our state. Also, I believe more deer would be taken during the early archery season with the use of crossbows being added. On a personal level, I hunt during all of the seasons besides urban. My wife currently joins me afield only during turkey season as this is the only time she can utilize her crossbow. We are really looking forward to this amendment passing so she can spend more time afield.

Having hunters orange on your ground blind is always a good idea.

What I'm also looking forward to are the combination buck and doe tags. Hopefully this will assist the hunter who feeds his family and the needy in affording the extra tags. Thanks to all of you involved for your efforts.

Time stamp 03/10/2011 01:18:39 PM

Commentor Name mark graham

Commentor County 72

Commentor State IN

Commentor City scottsburg

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I am 100% for this rule change. We need to catch up with some of the other states.

Time stamp 03/10/2011 02:19:45 PM

Commentor Name Lee Ann Kipta

Commentor County 87

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Boonville

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Pass all these amendments.

Time stamp 03/10/2011 06:33:05 PM

Commentor Name Randall Wines

Commentor County 53

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Ellettsville

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I support the changes proposed to the deer hunting regulations. I am an avid hunter with a busy schedual and with the extended season I will have more opportunities to hunt. Also the extended season will allow more opportunity for hunters from urban areas without private property access better chances of being selected for the military refuge hunts. With more hunting dates the deer population will be easier to control in these restricted areas. RW

Time stamp 03/11/2011 04:18:43 AM

Commentor Name Bob Houseworth Jr.

Commentor County 55

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Martinsville

Commentor Organization Hunting Indiana

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Glad to see the amendments that have the "Average Joe" deer hunter in mind.
I hope hope that the amendments are passed & we can get back deer hunting with the least amount of restrictions as possible, so as many people as possible can participate with these common-sense deer herd management tools.
Time stamp 03/11/2011 04:21:51 AM

Commentor Name Lanice Foltz
Commentor County 52
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Roann
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I like these deer hunting proposals a whole lot better than the first ones. Let's go with these. I would like to see archery hunters be allow a buck with the bow and one with the gun. I would also like to see the .30-30 Win. and the .30 Rem. added to the list of approved rifle cartridges.
Time stamp 03/11/2011 04:39:38 AM

Commentor Name Jeffery Di Cesare
Commentor County 64
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Valparaiso
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment I'm all for the changes.
Time stamp 03/11/2011 07:25:51 AM

Commentor Name Joshua Brosmer
Commentor County 41
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Bargersville
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I fully support the second round of deer proposals as proposed. I think this proposal makes a lot of sense and will help accomplish the goal of reducing the deer herd without restricting hunting opportunity as the first deer proposal would have. I think these changes are a step in the right direction, but may not do enough to reduce the deer herd to appropriate level. Many hunters only hunt until they fill their buck tags so I think eventually the opportunity to take a second buck needs to be put back on the table to encourage hunters to hunt longer and hopefully take more does. I also think legalizing all centerfire rifles of .243 caliber or larger for the firearms season needs to be considered if the current proposal fails to reduce the herd enough.
Time stamp 03/11/2011 10:04:38 AM

Commentor Name Karen Isaacs
Commentor County 3
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Columbus
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I do not understand why the DNR first proposed rule changes that would benefit archery hunters, firearm hunters, ones like me who do both, and the deer herd, then turn around and propose something that will end the sport of archery hunting in Indiana by making crossbow hunting season the same days as archery season. My family and I do not like anything about the "new" proposed changes and believe it takes away everything from the sport of bowhunting in our great state. Let the youth, handicap, and elderly use crossbows during an early crossbow season, but the ones capable of drawing a bow should be expected to during the first part of Indiana deer season.
Time stamp 03/11/2011 11:12:41 AM

Commentor Name Dennis Patterson

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Commentor County 41
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Franklin
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment No to this proposal
Time stamp 03/11/2011 11:43:27 AM

Commentor Name Kevin Levesque
Commentor County 84
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Terre Haute
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment I hunt all seasons except Urban deer zones. I use Archery, shotgun, rifle, muzzle loader as well as for the first time this year crossbow. I am enthusiastically looking forward to this years deer season. I would like to see what kind of package pricing on all licenses the state is considering however The focus is more on the new regulations. I would like to see a more open commitment to taking antlerless deer on state property as that is the majority of hunting in my particular area of the state. Private land is difficult as many know and we can not manage the herds effectively taking only 1 antlered deer on these properties if we can not reach them. More antlerless tags on state properties like Fairbanks landing and Wabashiki would assist some in bringing the larger herds to more manageable levels. All in all I am in favor of the changes so far proposed.
Time stamp 03/11/2011 12:50:35 PM

Commentor Name Laura Turpin
Commentor County 33
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Shirley
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment I am against the current proposal.

I do not think we have a deer problem in my area. Please set rules for those areas that do.

I do not support crosbows in early archery season. I am a women and can hunt traditional. Start crossbow when firearms opens.

I like most hunters will only shoot what i can afford and can eat. Fix that problem and you have population problem solved. Take some of the buck season away and hunters will be forced to harvest does.

Laura
Time stamp 03/11/2011 03:51:20 PM

Commentor Name Gene Arnold (Spencer Bait & Arnold)
Commentor County Out of State
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Gosport
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment Vote this through, looks good as is, and is greatly improved version over last year.

Regards
Gene Arnold
Spencer Bait & Tackle
Time stamp 03/11/2011 04:56:29 PM

Commentor Name Dan Carnahan
Commentor County 63
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Winslow
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment I support this rule.
Time stamp 03/11/2011 07:37:15 PM

Commentor Name John Wisley
Commentor County 47
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Heltonville
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment I got an e-mail requesting input on the proposed changes so I will put in my 2 cents worth. I like very much leaving the firearms and muzzleloader seasons alone. I DO also like the additional antlerless season in late December / early January.
I am a bit confused as to why the cartridge length is again being lengthened. As a builder of wildcats that meet current criteria, I wonder why, if we keep adding more case capacity, we don't just allow a .30-.30, 35 rem., and .308 etc. The wildcats that are currently being built with the 1.625 law surpass the long range performance of any of the three that I mentioned. Still don't understand either why a 15 inch .308 pistol is legal and a 16 inch "rifle" will get you crossways with the law. It seems mighty silly to have to send a cartridge "gauge" out with the DNR officers so that they can check wildcat cartridges. Why not legalize more and simplify everyone's life. Thanks for reading my ramblings and for caring what we think.
Sincerely,
John Wisley
Time stamp 03/11/2011 08:08:18 PM

Commentor Name Josh Douglas
Commentor County 33
Commentor State IN
Commentor City New Castle
Commentor Organization DU & QDMA
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment I highly disagree with this rule! This is complete non-sense we already dont have a deer popultation around here to begin with! This rule will completely ruin archery season and just cause problems overall!! I DISAGREE AN DONT WANT TO SEE THIS LAW PASS!!!!

Josh Douglas
Time stamp 03/12/2011 12:33:42 PM

Commentor Name Lee Douglas
Commentor County 33
Commentor State IN
Commentor City New Castle
Commentor Organization QDMA
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment I don't like what this new law is about. I dont think that crossbows should be allowed in early archery season! I disagree with this law and it shouldnt be passed!
Time stamp 03/12/2011 12:38:37 PM

Commentor Name Danny Douglas
Commentor County 33
Commentor State IN
Commentor City New Castle
Commentor Organization QDMA

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Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment This rule should not be passed! Our deer population in indiana isn't up high enough to have such a law for crossbows! I do not want to see this law pass!

Time stamp 03/12/2011 12:41:15 PM

Commentor Name Gary

Commentor County 33

Commentor State IN

Commentor City New Castle

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment FOR THE RECORD .. I DO NOT WANT CROSSBOWS ADDED TO BOW SEASON....Crossbows are NOT Bows, they are a shouldered weapon, and trigger activated ,and belong in the Firearms season ONLY..

ADDING CROSSGUNS TO BOW SEASON IS AN OUTRAGE... Only someone with there personal agenda in mind would even think of doing this.. Furthermore; Anyone using a crossbow is simply Too Damm LAZY to learn the real art of bowhnuting.. They should not even be allowed in the woods...

WHATS NEXT;; GRANADE SEASON !

Time stamp 03/13/2011 08:34:26 AM

Commentor Name Phillip Cox

Commentor County 61

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Montezuma

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I urge you NOT to allow crossbows to be used during the regular archery deer hunting season. Archery season should be reserved for bow and arrow hunters only!! Please keep our Indiana tradition alive and do NOT allow crossbows during the regular archery hunting season; crossbow hunters have an unfair advantage over bow and arrow hunters; and therefore should not be in the woods at the same time.

Time stamp 03/13/2011 04:06:34 PM

Commentor Name Gery A Meyer

Commentor County 17

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Auburn

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I have been deer hunting in 3 northeast counties since 1981 and the last three years I have seen less deer than any of the previous years and the same goes for my hunting buddies where I work, many did not even get a deer this year. Now the IND DRN wants to further destroy deer hunting in the state with these new rule changes because of pressure from the insurance companies, it really doesn't take much to see who's calling the shots. When there's not a single deer left in the state again my insurance premium will not drop one single dime. Some day when I'm talking to my grandson I will be telling him" really Jace there used to be deer in Indiana.

Time stamp 03/13/2011 06:28:41 PM

Commentor Name mike jones

Commentor County 26

Commentor State IN

Commentor City princeton

Commentor Organization none

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment that would let me hunt more ofter i can't use a reg bow my hands won't let me hold it long.....

Time stamp 03/13/2011 08:08:10 PM

Commentor Name Darryl Lee

Commentor County 87

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Eiberfeld

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I was sorry to hear about the new proposal, except for the extra week of doe season, the first proposal was more on track. I was really looking forward to week long gun seasons as this is what is really needed here in Indiana. With this new proposal you are going back to the regular gun season plus adding a week long doe season, WHAT IS INDIANA THINKING, are they not going to be satisfied till the population is nil. I have a hard time trying to justify teaching my son about true hunting techniques and to take time to learn about deer habits when the chances of seeing more than one are so diminished.

Time stamp 03/13/2011 08:39:35 PM

Commentor Name Daniel J. Bidwell

Commentor County 57

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Avilla

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I am against any more changes made to deer hunting rules and regulations.

I've killed 50 deer in the last twenty years. This past year I only saw 12 deer total in 40 days of hunting. No bucks. I don't believe the population is out of control. I only know of one hunter who doesn't believe the population is down. Here in Indiana a hunter can legally kill over 400 deer in one year. Why do we need to liberalize any more than that? Crossbows are not archery. They have a gunstock, a trigger, a scope and are held cocked and loaded. All that will do is increase the number of lazy hunters in the field and there will be even more private land permission withheld to bowhunters.

Sincerely,

Daniel J. Bidwell

Time stamp 03/14/2011 06:20:14 AM

Commentor Name Donna Lee

Commentor County 26

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Princeton

Commentor Organization NRA

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I am thrilled that the DNR is considering crossbows for everyone.

Now me and my ten year old can join my husband during bow season.

Please do not listen to the vocal minority that oppose this.

Thank you ever so much,

Donna Lee

Time stamp 03/14/2011 07:04:21 AM

Commentor Name Bert Lee Sr.

Commentor County 26

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Princeton

Commentor Organization

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Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I've been discussing this crossbow rule with my son and daughter in law. As a family we are looking forward to hunting together in the future. I have not bowhunted in several years, but will start again if this rule is OKed.

Please do pass this rule as soon as possible. I'd like to be able to hunt this year.

Thank you,

Bert Lee Sr.

Time stamp 03/14/2011 07:23:19 AM

Commentor Name Jim Rothel

Commentor County Out of State

Commentor State OH

Commentor City Cincinnati, OH

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment What is the status of the approval of 2011 proposed changes to deer hunting regulations?

Time stamp 03/15/2011 07:28:13 AM

Commentor Name Ryan McDuffee

Commentor County 47

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Springville

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I'd like to say I am in support of this proposed rule change. It provides more opportunity to all of Indiana's hunting public and should improve the harvest rates.

Thank you for the opportunity to let my voice be heard.

Ryan McDuffee

Time stamp 03/16/2011 04:55:32 PM

Commentor Name Brian Crockett

Commentor County 84

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Terre Haute

Commentor Organization QDMA / Whitetails Unlimited

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment The shortening of the firearms season to be more in line with IL and would promote larger and healthier whitetails. This would in turn promote more harvest of mature bucks and doe, and increase much needed revenue to the state from Non-Resident hunters to find themselves an IN monster. I hunt both IN and IL in my quest for larger whitetails and over the years I have harvested larger and more mature whitetails from IL than I have even seen in the state of IN. This is fully to the shortened firearms season implemented in IL. The two weekend firearm season in IL concentrates and focuses the hunters on these two weekends. As a result IL does and will continue to harvest more whitetails and more mature whitetails than IN. This also allows for higher non-resident license pricing and highly increases revenue for the state. Indiana should follow IL in the whitetail management regime and increase both this natural resource and revenue for the state of Indiana. Thank you for your time - Brian Crockett

Time stamp 03/17/2011 04:46:42 AM

Commentor Name James Street

Commentor County 22

Commentor State IN

Commentor City New Albany

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I fully support the second proposal concerning deer season. It is a more fair, balanced and worthwhile in my opinion than proposal 1 (which favored trophy bow hunters).

Time stamp 03/17/2011 07:04:18 AM

Commentor Name Bradley Weber

Commentor County Out of State

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Tell City

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I see no reason for the addition of hunter orange to ground blinds. If it must be visible from all sides when hunters hunting from tree stands or sitting against something do not have their hunter orange visible from all sides. furthermore hunters in tree stands are not exactly visible from the ground, so if blinds must have orange also amend the rule to say tree stand hunters to have orange visible at eye level.

Time stamp 03/18/2011 08:49:46 AM

Commentor Name Gabriel Britton

Commentor County 55

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Martinsville

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment With the exception of increasing maximum cartridge length. I don not support any of the proposed changes. I especially do not approve of crossbows, hunter orange on blinds, special antlerless seasons.

Time stamp 03/22/2011 01:26:49 PM

Commentor Name Abe Trindle

Commentor County 79

Commentor State IN

Commentor City West Lafayette

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I'm not seeing much of a difference from last year's proposal. The use of the crossbow for all hunters will have both positive and negative consequences. Positive: Crossbow sales will increase, the state will gain monies by requiring the purchase of crossbow licence, and more people may take to hunting (always important) due to ease of use. (I am concerned of people attempting to manufacture a way wherein a bipod will be mounted on crossbow which effectively makes it a rifle due to FPS quotient. Negatives: more persons hunting will increase pressure on herd and result in early archery hunters losing the "first adopter's advantage", modern crossbows are not much different than a rifle if used properly (if the state will allow crossbows why not certain rifles?). How much will the bundle be?

Time stamp 03/22/2011 08:01:11 PM

Commentor Name Daniel Cole

Commentor County 71

Commentor State IN

Commentor City South Bend

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I like the idea of adding crossbows to archery season!

Time stamp 03/23/2011 03:15:38 PM

Commentor Name Brian S. Owen

Commentor County 55

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Martinsville

Commentor Organization Just me!

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment This new 2nd proposal seems reasonable. By letting crossbows be used for the whole hunting season you will for sure take more deer.

I'll say one thing about the deer numbers: I've lived in Morgan county for 21 years. There are fewer deer this year than every before. I used to see groups of 10 to 15 deer in groups as it got dark out in the fields and on my land just before dark. The last couple years I only see 3 to 4 max in a group. This applies before and after hunting season.

Thanks,

Brian Owen

Time stamp 03/23/2011 06:48:54 PM

Commentor Name Monte C. Blane

Commentor County 64

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Portage

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I vote yes for the new changes. Not only will these changes benefit myself and my sons but also the deer population. The extra additions of seasons and equipment will allow myself to spend much more time afield with my three sons. At this time my sons do not posses the upper body strength to pull back a compound bow. They are already excited with the idea that they will be able to hunt with archery equipment (crossbow). With the crossbow equipment being allowed in regular archery season I will be able to give my sons a much longer season in the field. Not only will this aid in thier outdoor experience but allows me to spend even more time afield with them. These changes I believe would allow more young hunters to come afield and therefore see to it that hunting remains apart of Hoosier lifestyles.

Time stamp 03/25/2011 02:50:26 PM

Commentor Name Zachary Potter

Commentor County 29

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Fishers

Commentor Organization IN

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Hello, thank you for taking the time to read this. I appreciate the fact that you listen to the hunters and sportsmen when making these changes, and while there are many great changes in this proposed regulation change, there is one that concerns me. Adding crossbows to archery season is a very, very poor idea. Archery season is separate from firearms season because it is harder to hunt with a bow. If all you have to do is line up a deer in your scope and pull the trigger, you should be hunting during gun season. Why not leave archery season to archery hunters? I understand wanting to open it up to draw more hunters in, but early archery is separate because bow hunting has a much lower success rate and it's harder to bow hunt spooked animals. Adding more people pulling triggers in the woods defeats this whole purpose.

My other comment is why the heck can't we use deer rifles in Indiana? We spend years quibbling over minute differences-maximum and minimum case lengths, minimum bullet diameter, it's ridiculous. Modern shotguns and muzzle loaders are already capable of making 250 yard shots possible, but they do it with so much recoil that they are hard for young shooters. If we really want to draw more young hunters to the woods, lets get rid of these arbitrary and antiquated firearm requirements and let deer hunters take to the woods with deer rifles! The famous Ohio study has already proven that shotgun slugs are NO safer than rifle bullets, and in fact have a HIGHER chance of ricocheting and thereby causing danger. There is no good reason why hunters can't take to the woods with a 30-30 or a .243. I really would appreciate any response you have time for.

Sincerely,

Zach Potter

Time stamp 03/28/2011 12:31:47 PM

Commentor Name Jerry Gilley

Commentor County 33

Commentor State IN

Commentor City New Castle

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I am glad to see the changes. I feel that it will bring more of our Youth in to the sport of archery as well as hunting in general. I have heard other Archery Hunters complain about the use of crossbows. In my opinion they are afraid that they will have to share the woods with new hunters. They are used to being vertically alone in the woods in early October. This may give those Young hunters a taste of success, and may challenge them to use more traditional archery equipment.

Time stamp 03/30/2011 05:55:48 AM

Commentor Name Jared Yoder

Commentor County 43

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Milford

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Like all of the new changes ,except for the bow season being open without that one week where everything is closed. I personally think it benifits us as hunters ,because the deer seem to settle down making for a better muzzleloader season. Keep up the good work and i think we as hunters will to do our part in reducing the deer herd til we reach our goals.

Time stamp 03/30/2011 06:12:07 PM

Commentor Name Dustin Michael Elliott

Commentor County 23

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Attica

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I am commenting on this because I believe that extending the gun season and allowing crossbows to be used will greatly harm the deer population. I think the gun hunters had a long enough season before and I personnaly believe it should be shorter. I understand you are trying to decrease the antlerless population but you have alot of hunters that don't even shoot antlerless deer. I only bowhunt and I believe that archery season should be longer because it is harder to harvest a deer. I have already signed the petition that is going around. I really really hope you take another look at the rules and not just benefit the gun hunters because they are mad. I have young kids that I want to bring into the sport of hunting and if you leave these rules there won't be anything to hunt or you won't hardly see deer. I also don't think that rifles should be used either it could be very dangerous. So please listen to the people that are opposing this issue because these are the real sportsmen of Indiana and want the state to prosper in the hunting lifestyle. Thank You

Time stamp 04/01/2011 01:13:46 PM

Commentor Name Richard Niemi

Commentor County 71

Commentor State IN

Commentor City South Bend

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I live in South Bend, near Notre Dame, and regardless of Don Mulligan's impressions from walking around the woods in central indiana, there are far too many deer in St. Joseph County.

The issue of deer over-population affects far more people than just hunters. Hunters are already an organized interest group with a prominent voice in game-regulation discussions. Most of the folks involved in deer-vehicle accidents are not in the habit of communicating with the DNR. I therefore ask you to consider more than just hunters' interests and opinions when considering whether the deer herd needs to be reduced.

We need a cost-effective way of dealing with deer who take up residence in urban areas. Perhaps hunters' groups would volunteer time for a tranquilize-and-relocate program.

Will the new regulations, if implemented, reduce the urban deer population? I don't know, but at least it would be a beginning. SOMETHING must be done before the human injury, death, and crop/property damage statistics become even more outrageous.

Time stamp 04/04/2011 07:56:29 AM

Commentor Name Scott Berning

Commentor County 2

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Harlan

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Outstanding! Its about time to allow crossbows in the early season. As a father of two daughters who love to hunt, but are limited to firearms season because of the inability to pull back a bow, I say good job. I also have a 71 year old father who loves to hunt, but never picked up a bow. This might allow him to enjoy some time out hunting before the weather turns bad. I get tired of hearing the whining from bow hunting groups that this will ruin archery hunting. I love to bow hunt and don't plan on giving up my Mathews, but it is their irrational thinking that keeps me from supporting them with membership. Unless they use longbows and arrows tipped with a sharp stone, I dont want to hear that its not real/traditional archery hunting. I support the effort to get as many people involved in the great sport of hunting regardless of the tool being used.

Time stamp 04/05/2011 10:36:28 AM

Commentor Name Jeff Hepler

Commentor County 64

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Hebron

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment great job, I agree with everything

Time stamp 04/06/2011 04:10:55 AM

Commentor Name troy peters

Commentor County 36

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Seymour

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment With the economy being what it is. if you want to get more hunters into the outdoors, you should look at giving or selling the first antlerless deer tag to individual who purchase a antlered lic. when i started hunting 20 + years ago i found that i prefer deer meat to any other(beef, pork,etc.). now with the prices of lic. you can buy beef cheaper then you can have a deer processed. thank goodness that i am a life time lic. holder. In the reality of things, it comes down to what makes DNR more money, not what is best or makes the most sense for hunters. dont get me started on our really late turkey season. by the time season gets here, its almost impossible to call in a tom. thats why i do most of my turkey hunting in other states.

Time stamp 04/11/2011 08:15:41 AM

Commentor Name Adam Craig

Commentor County 34

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Kokomo

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Thank you for your reconsideration of the original proposal. I now fully support these rule changes!

Time stamp 04/11/2011 10:29:37 AM

Commentor Name Larry L.Bowyer

Commentor County 17

Commentor State IN

Commentor City St. Joe

Commentor Organization n/a

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Moving the crossbow season to Oct. with the regular archery season is a great idea. 1.Lets older hunters the opportunity to enjoy October weather, instead of Dec. weather when the cold stops the drawing of a regular bow.

2.Bundling of the lic. fees will help with cost of hunters who enjoy the different seasons.

3. Extending the seasons will help hunters who have only weekends to hunt or short vacations or weekdays to pursue hunting.

Not all pepole will favor these changes,some don,t like a longer seasons.Some don,t want shorter seasons. Some think crossbows should be regulated to December only,

allowing them to have the "" better weather" of October to hunt.

Some think the crossbow will shoot the 100yds easy. So will a compound , but not easy.

Try and keep up the good work.

Time stamp 04/13/2011 11:12:56 AM

Commentor Name Andy DiGiuseppe

Commentor County 53

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Bloomington

Commentor Organization CAAA

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Just Let Us Hunt With Crossbows

Time stamp 04/13/2011 12:54:44 PM

Commentor Name Steve W Heltzel

Commentor County 57

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Rome City

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I am opposed to the use of the crossbow during the first bow season. The day will come when any bow hunter will need to use a crossbow and there are avenues to do this with medical slips. I read that this last year there was a record number of deer killed in the state. I also think that it will be like the gun season, where anyone without any training can just pick one up and start flinging arrows instead of bullets thinking that a 50 yard weapon is a 100 yard one. Those of us who are bow hunters will then not just be able to go to the woods and feel that there are other competent and safe hunters around us who have taken the time and effort to learn a skill.

Time stamp 04/15/2011 06:38:37 AM

Commentor Name TIMOTHY G SMITH

Commentor County 89

Commentor State IN

Commentor City RICHMOND

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Good afternoon! I am a lifelong resident of Indiana, a lifetime hunting license holder & have hunted various game all over the state since I was eight years old. I wanted to put in my two-cents worth concerning my favorite past-time- deer hunting.

I'm all for the deer management in the tune of harvesting does'. I don't care for the button bucks being harvested if it can be helped but oh well.

My thoughts on deer seasons are simple. KEEP FIREARM SEASONS AWAY FROM THE RUT! In my humble opinion, archery season would be better served coming in mid-September and staying in through January with an ample opportunity for doe harvests. Have a split firearm season. Two weekends and five (5) days between in mid to late October. Have the other week coincide with the current muzzleloader season.

Why? Many guys and gals I know pass a lot of does during the rut in firearm season because they are waiting for a trailing buck.

If the chance of a trailing buck behind a doe is removed, the firearm holder will be more apt to harvest a doe or two dring a split season. With the addition of crossbows (which doesn't excite me too much) this will I predict bring more hunters into the fold of archery hunting. With a longer season (Sept-Jan) & more hunters (due to crossbows), the harvest of does should increase. Many hunters do not find it as thrilling to pursue a doe with a gun, but do with archery tackle. The extra opportunities created with a longer season, crossbow tackle addition, and the intangible thrill created by doe harvest with stick & string hunting should boost doe harvest.

Thank you!

Timothy G Smith

Richmond, Indiana
Time stamp 04/15/2011 09:10:52 AM

Commentor Name jack corpuz
Commentor County 49
Commentor State IN
Commentor City indianapolis
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment I oppose all of these changes.
Time stamp 04/17/2011 06:20:46 AM

Commentor Name Daniel C. Miller
Commentor County 6
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Lebanon
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment After reading the new proposed changes to the Deer Regulations I have to say I am reasonably pleased with the majority of them, I do have a couple suggestions though.

1. Make any antlered license for any season be earned by first taking a Doe. This antlered deer could have any number of points as is legally described now, but if it is at least 4pts. per side a hunter could then qualify for a second antlered deer of any size.
2. Make a second antlered licence available during any season by first taking 2 additional Does and previously taking an antlered deer with at least 4pts. per side.
3. Reduce the rate for a non- resident antlerless license. It makes no sense that we as residents can shoot so many does yet a non- resident still gets hit with such high fees. Wyoming does this from time to time and it is very effective.
4. Raise the current license fees by a couple dollars to help with processing and distributing donated Deer so people who don't want or need more venison can get their extra deer to the needy people and the processors are compensated.

Thank You, Dan Miller
Time stamp 04/18/2011 05:46:43 PM

Commentor Name Jarrett Babincsak
Commentor County 46
Commentor State IN
Commentor City La Porte
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I am 100% against the state's proposal to include crossbows as a legal weapon during archery only seasons. The state's public rationale, as I understand it, for allowing crossbows during general archery season as is two-fold: 1. antlerless deer population management and 2. hunter recruitment.

First, there are more effective alternative means by which the state can meet objective #1.

- lengthen the early archery season statewide by starting it Sept 15th (right now general season opens on Oct 1st statewide and Sept 15th in urban deer zones)
- institute a doe before buck harvest rule statewide and promote in conjunction with the new rule the donation of the wild game meat to an org like Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry
- lengthen the general firearms season

Point #2 (as it is fully articulated on the state's website) reads to me as if it was written by the Archery Trade Association or the North America Crossbow Federation. Legalizing the crossbow for use in archery seasons will NOT INCREASE the total number of hunters in our state, it will simply bring more gun only hunters into archery seasons. Allowing the crossbow in our archery season is a thinly veiled ploy to generate more license revenue and a complete roll over to the ATA and NACF lobbying in support of the crossbow at the state level. Period.

Just for the record, I hunt with both a compound bow and traditional archery tackle during archery season and participate in firearms and muzzleloader seasons as well. I am not opposed to modern equipment and fiercely believe that unity among responsible, ethical, like-minded hunters is essential to our long-term success and defense of our way of life. That said I draw a hard-line at the crossbow in archery seasons, as it undermines everything that those that came before us stood for and envisioned when they fought so diligently for bow only seasons. Allowing the crossbow in our archery seasons is a slippery slope. It forces upon bowhunters an association, by way of public digestion of manufacturer and ATA advertising, with crossbow users as "fellow bowhunters". These organizations and manufacturers want the general public to perceive the crossbow as archery tackle and are having great success bulldozing state game fish departments that strapped for operating budget and quick to allow anything they think might generate a few extra dollars in revenue.

I have no problem with crossbows in the woods during firearm season, special weapons seasons or in the hands of a handicapped hunter but I do have an issue, given my desire to protect my ability to bowhunt long-term, with their inclusion in archery seasons. The crossbow is NOT archery equipment in any sense of the definition. It has far more in common in its use and effectiveness with a firearm. Also, most hunters that choose to hunt with a crossbow during archery season will be cut from the same cloth as the "hunters" that buy their ammunition the day before the firearms opener and venture into the woods unprepared for anything but violating game laws and hurting the image of the "hunter". It's not a good trade-off.

The state is also leaning on the position of wanting to increase the number of days afield for hunters. Any hunter wishing to increase his or her days afield can already do so by learning a new skill - archery. It is not the state's role as servant to the public to cater to the crossbow industry by infringing on those of us that have been purchasing licenses and supporting the state's wildlife budgets for years.

Sincerely,

Jarrett Babincsak

Time stamp 04/19/2011 02:08:29 PM

Commentor Name Robert Peterson

Commentor County 29

Commentor State AL

Commentor City Carmel

Commentor Organization self

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment -1) Why is the NEW crossbow license requirement NOT included in the BUNDLE? ... The Bundle should be INCLUSIVE of ALL the hunter types!

ref -> Adds a definition of the new deer license bundle that would allow 1 antlered deer and 2 antlerless deer to be taken during the special youth, archery, firearms, muzzleloader, and special antlerless seasons combined (at a reduced price)

-2) Why not EXTEND the ARCHERY and CROSSBOW seasons through JAN31 - alike the URBAN ZONE... there are PLENTY of deer - allow people more time to hunt. You are ALREADY TAKING AWAY ARCHERY opportunities with the NEW antlerless firearms season the last week of the season! Be fair to ARCHERS and EXTEND that season too!

Time stamp 04/20/2011 02:41:59 PM

Commentor Name James T Conner

Commentor County 24

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Laurel

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Nice job ! Good to see cross bow use across whole season. Thanks for keeping the 16 day gun seasons and that 8 day hunt will be great through the holidays.

Time stamp 04/20/2011 03:21:41 PM

Commentor Name Robert Peterson

Commentor County 29

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Carmel

Commentor Organization self

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment In reading the language on the definition of the regular firearms and firearms antlerless season - the use of Archery equipment (compound/long) and crossbow was not included on the proposed language.... IF that is the intention it is grossly unfair to REDUCE the Long/compound bow seasons by 3 weeks! ...

PLEASE TELL ME I AM WRONG in this interpretation ...

Also - the format provided of the proposed rule change language is IMPOSSIBLE to follow - and IMPOSSIBLE to reference.... you cannot cut and paste pdf!

Time stamp 04/20/2011 03:35:28 PM

Commentor Name Keith Aaron Schuler

Commentor County 19

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Huntingburg

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Agree with changes and waiting to see that they are approved for 2011.

Time stamp 04/21/2011 02:02:26 PM

Commentor Name John VanDeman

Commentor County 41

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Greenwood

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I have concerns that the urban deer season dates do not allow for proper enforcement of rules. There are too many hunters who will take advantage of an early season check-in and hunt in surrounding counties not legal for urban deer harvests. Also, I and many others believe the regulations regarding specific rifle cartridge size, add confusion, excess legislation and no significant safety gains. Additionally there could be a boost in state revenue for hunters who desire to hunt with firearms they own, but are unable to because they are not currently allowed.

Time stamp 04/21/2011 02:25:50 PM

Commentor Name Shane Hubert

Commentor County 62

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Leopold

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Much better than the first proposal! I don't ever see a need to shorten the deer gun season. People that work full time jobs like myself are already limited on the days we get to hunt.

Also, I hope the crossbows are approved because I have poor eyesight and it is very difficult to see the sights on a traditional bow. With a crossbow I will be able to use a scope and make a much more ethical shot on a deer.

One last thing....The Spring Turkey season in Southern Indiana is way too late! I understand the original reason for the late season was to allow the turkeys to breed. Ten years ago this may have been important, but now that the turkey population is out of control, I don't think it is an issue. Besides, my trail cameras have proven that bobcats have a MUCH bigger impact on the turkey population than hunters. Being an avid Perry County turkey hunter for 19 years, I can tell you that the peak gobbling in Southern Indiana is April 15. My recommendation for season dates would be from April 10 through May 10.....Yes, a whole month! An earlier and longer season will have absolutely no impact on the Turkey population. A two turkey season limit would also be nice.

Thanks,
Shane Hubert

Time stamp 04/21/2011 06:50:10 PM

Commentor Name William F. Minter
Commentor County 20
Commentor State IN
Commentor City New Paris
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I am in favor of the proposed rule amendments to deer hunting regulations in Indiana, as recommended by the NRC's advisory committee. As a land manager I constantly have to protect the ecological integrity of the the 1200 ac natural area I manage from the impacts of high deer numbers.

Thank you for your efforts

Time stamp 04/25/2011 12:20:07 PM

Commentor Name Shane Mitchell
Commentor County 64
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Chesterton
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I don't see anything here about daily bag limits. Will a hunter be able to fill his antlerless tag and then go after an antlered deer in the same day, or will the daily bag limit remain one deer of either sex? Also, last year we could take as many as eight deer in Porter County i think. If I read the new proposal correctly, we will now be able to take as many as four deer total, one being antlered. Am I correct? While I don't disagree with the "earn a buck" rule, what would concern me is if the dnr were to raise the number of bucks that a hunter could take in a given year. Many hunters are seeing and taking big bucks right now, and I hope that the Indiana dnr will do a better job than Wisconsin has done. We seem to be in the "glory days" of deer hunting in Indiana right now, and I hope that we don't get too aggressive with deer management. Thanks for your efforts and all you do for us.

Shane Mitchell

Time stamp 04/27/2011 09:54:22 AM

Commentor Name William R. Green
Commentor County 48
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Pendleton
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I support and agree with the proposed rule changes. I think they will certainly help to reach the goals of a) more antlerless deer being taken / herd reduction, and b) introduce youth to the sport of deer hunting.

I wish, although understand why, that the gun season(s) could be changed to reduce the pressure on mature bucks, but this is a goal separate and secondary to a) and b) above.

Thanks,

Time stamp 05/02/2011 10:11:58 AM

Commentor Name Dave Willoughby
Commentor County 3
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Columbus
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I think it is absolutely ridiculous to include crossbows in the early archery season. Anyone can pull 35# on a modern compound and learn to shoot accurately.. The only reason to push them into the early archery season is pressure from the crossbow manufacturers and profit by

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them. At the very least make sure that they have to buy a seperate license seperate from archery, which the crossbow is not.

Time stamp 05/02/2011 10:17:12 AM

Commentor Name Aaron Curtis

Commentor County 32

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Brownsburg

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Gentlemen and Ladies of the NRC:

I have read the rule amendment proposal(s) and I find little that I have issues with. You are in the unenviable position of trying to please a lot of different points of view. That seems like a daunting if not impossible task. All in all, I like the proposal(s) and support them. I think you have done an outstanding job of accomplishing the states goal of reducing the deer population, particularly in the high density areas or where the deer vehicle accidents occur most frequently. At the same time you are making some changes that should recruit new hunters to the sport.

Time stamp 05/02/2011 10:22:02 AM

Commentor Name Jeremy Eve

Commentor County 10

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Henryville

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I'm very excited about being able to use a crossbow in early archery season, and think its a great rule change to help get gun hunters back into archery hunting. The only problem with it is when is these rules going to take affect?

Time stamp 05/02/2011 06:50:18 PM

Commentor Name mike jones

Commentor County 26

Commentor State IN

Commentor City princeton

Commentor Organization hunter

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment it would help alot with the deer & car hitting them. crossbow is a great way alot of states uses the crossbow for hunting. i hunt with a crossbow in late season only time i can use it thats bad..

Time stamp 05/02/2011 09:01:57 PM

Commentor Name Ruth Serra

Commentor County Out of State

Commentor State FL

Commentor City Clearwater

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Reality Check

No matter what people say and do it is as GOD WILLS IT!!!

And if GOD does not like something he will make it be known!!

Remeber we are all living on a melting pot of a planet, the core of the planet is as hot as the sun and who is protecting us, God!!!

You can do all the wrong you want, but don't forget that when the time come when you are DYING, you can not ask God to forgive you for all the Cruelty that you have inflicted on his Creation he will NOT listen!

Time stamp 05/03/2011 05:32:20 AM

Commentor Name DIANA aKERS

Commentor County Out of State
Commentor State FL
Commentor City boca raton
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment Please don't teach children to kill and to enjoy killing.
Time stamp 05/03/2011 05:32:20 AM

Commentor Name abraham HALL
Commentor County 78
Commentor State IN
Commentor City VEYAY
Commentor Organization LANDOWNER!
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment NO STATE IN AMERICA IS SO DUMB TO PUT YOUTH GUN SEASON AHEAD OF BOW SEASON..a 18 year old "YOUTH" is being harmed..YOU PEOPLE HAVE GREED AND POLITICAL AGENDAS deciding FAIRNESS..MOVE THE YOUTH DEER HUNT WHERE IT BELONGS or STOP NON-RESIDENTS FROM HUNTING THEN..
Time stamp 05/03/2011 05:45:28 AM

Commentor Name Ana
Commentor County Out of State
Commentor State FL
Commentor City Port Richey
Commentor Organization caregiver
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment Please reconsider this proposal. It will be harmful for foxes and animals that need the forest and are part of the ecosystems that follow a chain of commands in the animal kingdom. Thank you.
Time stamp 05/03/2011 07:45:02 AM

Commentor Name Michael Robert Coolidge
Commentor County 10
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Charlestown
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment I still support the use of a crossbow in the archery season.

The DNR will receive more revenue... and the state deer herd harvest should increase, and the deer/auto collisions should decrease.

thank you
Mike Coolidge
Time stamp 05/03/2011 09:08:32 AM

Commentor Name kathy renae cromer
Commentor County Out of State
Commentor State AL
Commentor City Highland Heights
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment There are two issues I wish to address here. The first one is that deer should not be hunted with crossbows. It is a bad way to try to kill them and may maim or leave them to suffer. Secondly, it is wrong to allow deer to be hunted on wildlife refuges. They should have some place that they are safe from humans. I do not think humans stop to consider that just because we have the ability to mistreat or kill an animal, does not mean we have a right to do so.

Time stamp 05/03/2011 12:31:02 PM

Commentor Name thomas jelenek

Commentor County 45

Commentor State IN

Commentor City gary

Commentor Organization american crossbow federation

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment these proposals are longe over due. now quit wasting time and make them law.

Time stamp 05/05/2011 05:07:42 AM

Commentor Name Kerby norris

Commentor County Out of State

Commentor State CA

Commentor City Los angeles

Commentor Organization ALL ANIMALS

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I HOPE YOU ALL GET SHOT BY EACH OTHER YOU DESERVE IT FOR YOUR ACTIONS . SOME DAY MANY WILL COME AND GET HUNTING LICENSES AND DURING AN "OPEN SEASON I HOPE TO GOD YOU WILL BE CRIPPLED AND NO LONGER ABLE TO RAISE YOUR GUNS AND SHOOT THESE ANIMALS THAT ARE TRYING TO ENJOY THERE LIVES YOU ARE BACK WOODS IDIOTS . STOP THIS CRAP .

Time stamp 05/05/2011 01:58:00 PM

Commentor Name Tim Nussbaum

Commentor County Out of State

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Warsaw

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I am against Deer Proposal #2 and here are some reasons why.....and some alternatives to consider in getting TRUE results in your data collection....

** In a recent discussion with IDNR reps and a current sitting Senator, the Senator was quoted as saying "I've had ZERO complaints about Deer Proposal #1 but have SEVERAL complaints about Deer Proposal #2 " as he reached onto his desk and picked up a handful of US Postal letters sent to his office against deer proposal #2. And as the DNR reps at that meeting stated, they also wanted Deer Proposal #1 to pass as their "first choice" in how to handle the deer reduction process.

**The DNR reps and Senator were able to review at that meeting documentation showing that people were able to manipulate the IDNR feedback system/Surveys electronically in efforts to shoot down Deer Proposal #1. There were many people that used the electronic system to submit feedback to represent themselves as multiple people that were against Deer Proposal #1.....but simply was one person submitting the same negative feedback over and over creating a "paper tiger" which made an appearance of more that were against deer proposal #1when that simply was not the case. And on the Online Survey that was put out.....the authority that reviewed that data found that as many as 150+ votes coming from the SAME IP address were happening. One person generating over 150 negative responses at times, against what the IDNR was wanting to do in proposal #1.....and they saw that as VALID???.....or were FORCED to see that as valid from those presiding in the NRC committee that had a similar agenda in shooting down Deer Proposal #1.

**The "watered down" version of Deer Proposal #2 that was generated by that fiasco just introduces a weapon (crossbow) as a means of helping herd reduction.....which historically has not helped. Giving the hunter another weapon has not increased harvest.....it simply creates another choice in the morning of what you will hunt with.....and does not encourage you to take more does like Deer Proposal #1 did. Weapons don't choose what to hunt.....Hunter's choose what to hunt. The problem was not that we needed more weapons to hunt deer.....The problem is we need to have regulations that encourage more does taken. Adding a crossbow does NOT help change someone's behavior.

**Deer Proposal #1 addressed the core problem.....getting hunters to shoot more does in the state of Indiana by concentrating on creating more days/weekends/holidays to shoot does.....and lessen the days to hunt a buck. The DNR knew changing hunter behavior to shoot more does would be the "lynch pin" and had the perfect plan to do this in Deer Proposal #1. The backlash came from those hunters that were only interested

in buck hunting.....they did not want to help the state reduce the herd. Why is it the NRC listened to those that just wanted to preserve as many buck hunting days as possible.....and not want to help with the deer reduction plan in Deer Proposal #1. The underscoring fact on this topic that was discussed in our meeting (DNR and Senator in last few weeks) on this was when Mark Reiter from the DNR stated that we have approx 180,000 deer hunters.....but only about 3,000 of them were complaining about Deer Proposal #1.....and they (the DNR) was force to listen to just 1.7% of our deer hunters that didn't like it????!!!!.....while 98.3 % of our deer hunters had no complaints about Deer Proposal #1.....!!!! This alone should be good argument to put the key components of Deer Proposal #1 back on the table for review.....or.....get very specific about which NRC member/chair person made the call to scratch Deer Proposal #1 with just 1.7% of those that just wanted to buck hunt anyways against it.....and ask that/those NRC chair people to justify this move.....or put Deer Proposal #1 back on the table. Bottom line.....All the DNR reps in the room during our meeting with the Senator said they wanted Deer Proposal #1.....but a couple of the NRC chair people took it away from them based on just 1.7% deer hunter disapproval. That is a travesty that should have never happened.....and definitely needs a review or fixed.

****The need to send out a HARD COPY random survey to hunters to gauge their support/non-support for actual TRUE feedback. No deer proposal feedback should be solicited or delivered in an electronic mode that can be manipulated.....HARD COPY/ MAILED surveys only to ensure valid response data.**

****As also discussed in the meeting.....The IDNR's deer management ultimately should not be a "popularity contest" as the current system is set up to do. If the IDNR likes a plan they have (as they liked Deer Proposal #1) it should be implemented. Hunters that don't understand management techniques of the IDNR do NOT need to influence sound/educated management proposals as Deer Proposal #1 had in it set forth by our IDNR.**

Bottom line..... we now have this terrible watered down version that we now have in front of us.....Deer Proposal #2. The First Proposal was much better, the system was manipulated, 98% of the deer hunters had NO complaint, the IDNR stated they liked Deer Proposal #1.....and we need to get it's key components back on the table.....vs listening to just 1.7% of the deer hunters that didn't like Deer Proposal #1, and wanted to just keep hunting bucks only.

Tim Nussbaum
Warsaw, IN
Time stamp 05/06/2011 10:07:59 AM

Commentor Name Frank Kulhawick
Commentor County 49
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Indianapolis
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment If the proposal below bundles deer hunting license, reduces complexity and save enables a hunter to purchase deer tags that can be used for each type of hunt (bow, regular gun, muzzle loader etc.) without additional cost, then yes I support the text below.

(bb) "Deer license bundle" means a multiple privilege deer license that allows an individual to take one (1) antlered deer and two (2) antlerless deer in the:

- (1) special youth;
- (2) archery;
- (3) firearms;
- (4) muzzleloader; and
- (5) special antlerless only

seasons combined in one year in accordance with the provisions in 312 IAC 9-3-2, 312 IAC 9-3-3, and 312 IAC 9-3-4.

(Natural Resources Commission; 312 IAC 9

Time stamp 05/07/2011 08:04:38 AM

Commentor Name Rick Volbrecht
Commentor County 45
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Highland
Commentor Organization NRA

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Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I urge you to base rule changes and hunting regulations on science and proper wildlife management, rather than political pressure by anti-hunting organizations like the Humane Society of the United States.

Time stamp 05/08/2011 01:14:21 AM

Commentor Name Sam Molloy

Commentor County 10

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Jeffersonville

Commentor Organization NRA

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment The idea of a pack of dogs chasing a terrified animal does not appeal to me. The reason I'm in the NRA and have a CCW is to avoid being in a similar situation myself.

I'd rather my tax money go to wildlife preservation than this or bear baiting or whatever else cruel people can dream up to pass their limited time on earth.

However if we can't get rid of dog running entirely, the Indiana DNR should have a strict hand in the training.

Sam Molloy

Time stamp 05/08/2011 07:13:00 AM

Commentor Name Kim Brian Harbison

Commentor County 49

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Indianapolis

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment After reading the new proposals I will say they are MUCH more equitable to all types of deer hunters in the state. Also they add opportunities for new hunters to take up the sport.

I for one would ask that these proposed changes be implemented, and will urge others to do so.

Thank you for your hard work on coming up with these new proposals in such short time.

Kim B. Harbison

Time stamp 05/08/2011 02:00:53 PM

Commentor Name chad d allen

Commentor County 43

Commentor State IN

Commentor City leeburg

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment although i feel as if this may be a waste of time, I believe it is my duty to comment. from the research i have done it appears that a couple (pat early, brian pointer) of nrc members are driving the process for thier own personal agendas. my vote is NO to proposal #2

Time stamp 05/11/2011 08:48:25 AM

Commentor Name Annie d mills

Commentor County 43

Commentor State IN

Commentor City milford

Commentor Organization 46582

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I oppose rule proposal #2. The process has not been a fair one. I was at the NRC meeting for proposal #1 which I supported. The only group allowed to speak at the meeting (courtesy of Brian Pointer) were those opposed.

Time stamp 05/11/2011 09:53:38 AM

Commentor Name Ann Kaplan

Commentor County 49

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Indianapolis

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment There are too many deer within city limits. They need to be culled humanely.. Private citizens (taxpayers) need some relief from destructive deer herds. Deer don't exist just for the pleasure of hunters.

Time stamp 05/13/2011 09:40:28 AM

Commentor Name Jim Rothel

Commentor County Out of State

Commentor State OH

Commentor City Cincinnati

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Please pass the proposed changes to deer hunting rules.
I agree with the 1.8" cartridge length for deer cartridges in a rifle.

Please consider other cartridges for future years like 30-30 Win.

Time stamp 05/13/2011 10:09:59 AM

Commentor Name Barbara Delgado

Commentor County Out of State

Commentor State FL

Commentor City Miami

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I am confused, disappointed, and appalled to learn that the State of Indiana is considering legalizing coyote and fox penning year-round, where coyotes and foxes are placed in fenced enclosures and packs of dogs chase them in competition. Evidence shows that many of these wild canines are mauled and killed by their domestic cousins.

In essence, Indiana is considering sanctioning an activity where animals can be torn apart as "live bait" in canned-hunting-like operations. This is reprehensible and contravenes any notion of fair chase. There is always a dead end for these animals. While traditional hunts (in essence that is what this is - dogs hunting coyotes and foxes) allow wild animals to employ their natural instincts to try to escape predators, these animals always find their flight path blocked. This is an atrocity even traditional hunters should reject.

Penning, as do canned hunts, interferes with nature in other ways too. Through human error or natural disaster, animals kept for the "bloodbath" have escaped ranches and sometimes the pen, displacing native wildlife and carrying the threat of new diseases to native species.

I fail to understand why Indiana would make the humane and compassionate decision to ban dogfighting and cockfighting and yet attempt to legalize the barbaric practice of penning. Penning is a barbaric business that should be criminalized. It has no place in a civilized society. My state of Florida voted to ban this atrocity.

I urge you to reject the proposal to legalize coyote and fox penning and instead adopt rules to ban this practice. I strongly oppose coyote and fox pens, and respectfully ask that you stop this horrific and cruel practice.

Respectfully,

Barbara Delgado
3640 NW 18th Terrace
Miami, Florida 33125

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Time stamp 05/14/2011 09:26:18 AM

Commentor Name TINA WOOD
Commentor County Out of State
Commentor State NJ
Commentor City TABERNACLE
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment please stop torturing animals
Time stamp 05/17/2011 05:48:31 AM

Commentor Name Joshua Rassi
Commentor County Out of State
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Kingsford Heights
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment I think this legislation will do wonders to improve the quality of BOTH gun and archery seasons, as well as improve the health of the Indiana deer herd.

Please enact this legislation.
Time stamp 05/18/2011 04:40:03 PM

Commentor Name Kristine Cassady
Commentor County 43
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Warsaw
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment YOu must prvent this from passing. We cannot as humans be this inhumane! Please BAN the penning of foxes and coyotes once and for all!! Such cruelty as this proposed penning has no place in today's society.
Time stamp 05/20/2011 06:59:45 AM

Commentor Name Larry Allen Yeager
Commentor County 74
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Richland
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment Great changes. Allowing crossbows during archery season will get more youth hunting during archery season. This was greatly needed. As a father of two girls it was difficult getting them to pull back enough poundage to cleanly take a deer with a compound bow. I can take them archery hunting with a crossbow. Thanks for attempting to make these changes.
Time stamp 05/21/2011 10:48:59 AM

Commentor Name Terry Nichols
Commentor County 79
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Lafayette
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment I beleave the changes will be good for one it would get more hunters out . 2 The Urban liec. change would make it so those hunting Urban must take more does helping reduce the population . I beleave you should add a combination tag to all deer seasons with the same doe first stipulation .

Time stamp 05/22/2011 08:15:38 AM

Commentor Name Shawn Meyer

Commentor County Out of State

Commentor State OH

Commentor City Rockford

Commentor Organization Meyer Outdoors and Huntwithakid.com

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I've bowhunted in Indiana each season for the past 24 years. One of the reasons I still bowhunt in Indiana is that crossbows have ruined Ohio's archery season. Believe me, Hoosiers, you do not want crossbows in your archery season. When someone puts a stock up to his shoulder and pulls a trigger, he is not involved in archery and he has departed from the unique tradition of bowhunting. Crossbows are designed to give shotgun hunters who lack the desire and discipline to practice full access to archery season. Over here, the woods are full of them; our archery season is not the quiet peaceful time I enjoy when I cross over the state line from Ohio to Indiana. It's an entirely different mentality that separates bowhunters from crossbow hunters. And the seasons should be separate as well.

Furthermore, I'm astonished that you want to eradicate your herd. You already have one of the longest gun seasons of any state. Why would you add more days to your gun season? Sure, you'll have a great slaughter the first year or two. But what about in 5 or 7 years? Is it fair to your kids and grandkids to exact such a toll on your deer herd?

Time stamp 05/23/2011 06:55:09 AM

Commentor Name Charles Anthony Huffin

Commentor County 33

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Knightstown

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I agree with and approve of the deer hunting rule changes for the 2011-2012 season.

Time stamp 05/23/2011 10:52:21 AM

Commentor Name Todd M. Smith

Commentor County 76

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Angola

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Here it is, just the thing we were promised would never happen. You're trying to make crossbows legal in the Archery Season. NO! Crossbows are not archery. They are more like a firearm and as such should be placed in the firearms season before EVER placed in the archery season.

You promised us this would not happen. Things like this make it impossible to trust you.

I DO NOT support the inclusion of crossbows into our archery season.

I understand we're all sportsmen and hunters. I understand that everyone wants their own exclusive season. So give them one. Give crossbows their own season. Make them purchase their own separate license as well. That way the state makes more money and the bowhunters don't have to have an overlapping season with crossbows.

We all need to work together to protect our hunting heritage, but we have to be honest with each other as well.

If crossbows are allowed in the bowhunting season then the bowhunters have been lied to. I don't know about you, but when someone lies to me not only do I never trust them again, I never work with them again.

Please keep your word. Please keep crossbows out of the archery season.

Sincerely, todd smith

Time stamp 05/23/2011 04:05:23 PM

Commentor Name Jim Warren

Commentor County 10

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Charlestown

Commentor Organization NWTF

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I love it...I am tired of the Indiana Wildlife federation, and the bow hunters association, controlling Hunter Regulations in Indiana..

Time stamp 05/23/2011 04:28:31 PM

Commentor Name Dallas Halcomb

Commentor County 32

Commentor State IN

Commentor City North Salem

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I am completely against the inclusion of crossbows into the early archery season. The crossbow is a hybrid device that functions more closely to a firearm than a conventional bow, be the bow a longbow, recurved, or compound. It appears to me the crossbow manufacturers are trying to create a market for their product, not hunters wanting to use the weapon. The crossbow hunters ought to be the ones driving any future crossbow season, and should be the ones petitioning the NRC for such. There should also be a separate license issued for any crossbow hunter, just as the bowhunters of today, the modern firearms hunters and the primitive firearms hunters must have. A possible place for a crossbow season would be concurrent with the firearms season, and run through the end of all seasons, WITH a separate license.

I will also say this appears the NRC is not looking at including the crossbow for any legitimate reason they originally gave (controlling the burgeoning deer herd), but as a political sop to moneyed manufacturers looking to create a market. The NRC has admitted this rule will not increase the number of deer taken, only spread the same number among the same amount of hunters. Just more redistribution of Indiana's natural wealth, to the detriment of Indiana's hunters. This completely undermines my confidence in the NRC, and that the NRC is working for the good of Indiana's wildlife and Indiana's legacy hunters-who still pays the large majority of the bills. A disgusting turn for the worse from the once honorable NRC.

Time stamp 05/23/2011 04:59:22 PM

Commentor Name Tyler Perry

Commentor County 3

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Columbus

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Bow hunting is a special sport, and it deserves its own season. A huge part of bow hunting is its harkening back to the simpler days, and allowing any joe-schmoe with a cross bow the opportunity to encroach on what has for so long been deemed the only one season usable by bow hunters is an outrage.

Time stamp 05/24/2011 03:28:35 AM

Commentor Name scott mote

Commentor County 16

Commentor State IN

Commentor City westport

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I think allowing crossbows for deer hunting is a big mistake. It would be very detrimental to the tradition bow hunters. Let the gun hunters hunt with there guns and the bow hunters hunt with their bows but leave the crossbow junk out of Indiana. thanks.

Time stamp 05/24/2011 03:35:50 AM

Commentor Name Lee Brandsasse

Commentor County 7

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Freetown

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I am firmly against allowing crossbows in archery season. Let them be used in firearms season with their own license. There's a huge difference between a crossbow and a typical bow and arrow. Anybody that wants to be a successful bowhunter has to practice shooting to stay consistent. All you have to do with a crossbow is point and shoot. Keep them out of my archery season.

Time stamp 05/24/2011 04:06:45 AM

Commentor Name Benjamin Snider

Commentor County 3

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Columbus

Commentor Organization 47201

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I do not believe that crossbows should be allowed in early archery season. If it is essential to have more cross bow hunters then a separate season specifically for crossbows should be opened up rather than grouping cross bow hunters into early archery season.

Time stamp 05/24/2011 04:17:54 AM

Commentor Name Stephen mitchell

Commentor County 3

Commentor State IN

Commentor City columbus

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I do not agree with allowing crossbow hunting during early bow season. The skill required for bow hunting is not necessary for a crossbow and will effectively end the need for proficiency with a bow.

Time stamp 05/24/2011 04:25:47 AM

Commentor Name Lynne Ketner

Commentor County 3

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Hope

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment i urge you NOT to allow cross gun hunting during early archery season. as a land-owner and provider of game habitat, i feel the early bow hunting season should be just that, for bow-hunting. i believe that cross-guns are more like guns, than like bows, for hunting purposes, and should not have this early hunt opportunity. thank you.

Time stamp 05/24/2011 04:25:58 AM

Commentor Name Nate Rankin

Commentor County 3

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Columbus

Commentor Organization N?A

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I DO NOT support the inclusion of crossbows into archery season, and if a crossbow hunter wishes to hunt they should work to establish their own season with their own license. A fair compromise would be to allow crossbow season to begin the first day of firearms season and end on the last day of the last season of any kind, but it must have with it a separate crossbow license.

Time stamp 05/24/2011 04:29:54 AM

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Commentor Name Edie Wahl
Commentor County 55
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Martinsville
Commentor Organization none
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment Please allow crossbows in all deer seasons. Thank you.
Time stamp 05/24/2011 04:36:55 AM

Commentor Name Joseph L Sons
Commentor County 88
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Salem
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment I do not want to see crossbows allowed in early archery season. This would be like allowing guns into the season.
Time stamp 05/24/2011 04:45:28 AM

Commentor Name Mark Voils
Commentor County 3
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Columbus
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment Traditional bow hunting should be separate from crossbow.
Time stamp 05/24/2011 04:50:16 AM

Commentor Name shawn miller
Commentor County 40
Commentor State IN
Commentor City north vernon
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment I am greatly opposed to allowing crossbows to be used during the regular achery season. Crossbow hunters should have to establish their own season and purchase a "Crossbow" license in order to hunt with a crossbow. Allowing crossbow hunters to hunt during the firearm season after purchasing a "crossbow" license in my oppinion would be an acceptable compromise.
Another issue that is causing me to loose confidense in the Commission and the DNR is the simple knowledge that they know the rule changes to the season that they are forcing on us will not decrease the number of deer but only redistribute the number killed.
In my oppinion the consideration of a telecheck system for checking deer would increase the number of deer taken without changing any seasons for the simple fact that it would make it more convenient for the hunter to check their deer in. When the weather is hot or unseasonably warm hunters will not take game in the evening knowing that they will not be able to check deer in untill the next day and during this time period the meat could spoil. If a telecheck system was put in place it would allow the hunter to call in, get a cofirmation # for their deer and process the meat that evening without the fear of their meat spoiling. The DNR would still collect the same data they do with the traditional method of checking a deer in and I personally would kill more deer. Please consider a telecheck system in the future.
Thank You,
Shawn Miller
Time stamp 05/24/2011 04:51:54 AM

Commentor Name Darron Read
Commentor County 18
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Freetown
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

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Comment I strongly believe that the inclusion of crossbows in early archery season will ruin ARCHERY SEASON. If crossbow hunters wish to hunt they should work with IDNR to establish there own season.....not intrude on ours. I personally know several out of state hunter that WILL NOT hunt Indiana if this happens.

Time stamp 05/24/2011 04:58:37 AM

Commentor Name Ivan Arnold Nichols

Commentor County 40

Commentor State IN

Commentor City North Vernon

Commentor Organization none - homeowner/property owner

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment If you are going to allow crossbows for those other than handicapped I personally think it would be better to have the crossbows used during muzzle loading and firearm season and not used during archery season. My opinion is that to routinely use crossbows during archery season would substantially change the nature and original intent of the archery season.

Time stamp 05/24/2011 05:33:07 AM

Commentor Name Roy Knoy

Commentor County 3

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Columbus

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

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Time stamp 05/24/2011 05:41:53 AM

Commentor Name James R. Garvin

Commentor County 3

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Columbus

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Allowing crossbows for the non-handicap will degrade the bowhunter and bring about the end to classic archery skills and traditions handed down from father to son. Thank You.

Time stamp 05/24/2011 06:18:32 AM

Commentor Name John Paul Newby

Commentor County 16

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Greensburg

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment The amendment is NOT a good idea, it would crowd bow season with essentially "guns" and ruin the bow season as we know it!

Time stamp 05/24/2011 07:46:32 AM

Commentor Name Kevin A Shull

Commentor County 57

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Albion

Commentor Organization IBA

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment All in all i am in favor of the proposed deer rules with the strong exception of 1. The amendment to allow crossbows (crossguns)

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during first bow season. The cross bow is significantly different than a bow in that you hold it like a gun scope it like a gun, shot it like a gun and don't have to make any "draw" motion. It is essentially pre-cocked and ready to fire just as a gun. I strongly oppose allowing crossbow hunting during first bow season unless it is strictly for the handicap.

Thank you for your consideration.

Time stamp 05/24/2011 08:21:31 AM

Commentor Name Kevin J. Geeting

Commentor County 17

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Butler

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I do not want crossbows in the early archery season. It is not a bow if shouldered like a gun. The only people that should be allowed to use them are disabled people. I have no problem with that. But they should not be used by others until after the gun season is over----during muzzleloader season would be fine. Leave bowhunting in October to the bowhunters!

Time stamp 05/24/2011 08:23:59 AM

Commentor Name Craig Holok

Commentor County 41

Commentor State AL

Commentor City Nineveh

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I do not support the use of crossbows in early archery season.

Time stamp 05/24/2011 09:09:37 AM

Commentor Name Alan Hammond

Commentor County 41

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Nineveh

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Please do not allow the crossgun ruling to pass. It would be an unfair advantage and severely tarnish the purity of the bowhunting season. I can't believe the IDNR would consider this.

Time stamp 05/24/2011 09:31:33 AM

Commentor Name Lori Koeberlein

Commentor County 3

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Columbus

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Please do not let crossbows into early archery season, this would be the beginning of the end for bowhunting in Indiana.

Time stamp 05/24/2011 09:41:53 AM

Commentor Name Dave Willoughby

Commentor County 3

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Columbus

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Adding crossbows to the early archery season will only move the number of deer killed from archery equipment to crossbow equipment and will not increase the deer kill. The original deer proposal would have made a difference. This proposal is a slap in the face of bowhunters that

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defended the first IDNR proposal and does nothing to increase the antlerless deer kill. A crossbow license should be established and it should be a part of the regular firearm and late M/L seasons, not early archery.

Time stamp 05/24/2011 10:07:43 AM

Commentor Name Justin Dailey

Commentor County 3

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Columbus

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I am concerned about the establishment of crossbows in the traditional archery only season. Crossbows should have their own license and be able to hunt in the later deer season only. I do not believe that putting crossbows in archery season has anything to do with lowering the deer numbers in Indiana. As an archer and bowhunter I expect other hunters that participate in the early season with me to spend the time to become proficient with their weapon just like the rest of the archers. The low weight required by the state to bowhunt allows anyone to participate, even younger children. Please establish the crossbow license and let them hunt the late season only.

Time stamp 05/24/2011 10:23:08 AM

Commentor Name Benjamin James Thomas

Commentor County 30

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Greenfield

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I think the revised rules are great and will allow more opportunities for deer to be harvested. Keep up the good work

Time stamp 05/24/2011 11:02:56 AM

Commentor Name Angie Willoughby

Commentor County 3

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Columbus

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment i do not think crossbow season belongs in early archery deer season. I do not believe crossbows in early archery will have any affect in managing the deer herd.

Time stamp 05/24/2011 05:01:17 PM

Commentor Name Jeff Cumberworth

Commentor County 69

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Holton

Commentor Organization Indiana Bowhnter Ass.

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I am totally against crossbows in archery season. Crossguns should be in gun season. They are shot like a gun aimed like a gun. A bow is held by a persons own power not mechanically. Please make a decision on your own feelings not financially. Thank you for your time.

Time stamp 05/24/2011 07:22:52 PM

Commentor Name Joe Bacon

Commentor County Out of State

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Indianapolis

Commentor Organization Indiana Deer Hunters Association

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment As President of the Indiana Deer Hunters Association(IDHA) I would like this entered as the official position of the IDHA.

The IDHA has long worked as a partner on many projects with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources(IDNR). We were invited to be part of a committee to reduce the whitetail herd in a strategic manner as asked by the Indiana Legislature. At the beginning of the meetings the work group was told that the IDNR had the authority to change deer hunting rules as they choose at any time, but they wanted our support or at least our input before doing so. It was important during the process that we segregate "wildlife management" from "recreational hunting opportunities". In the end, while we knew change would be met with resistance we agreed that proposal number 1 would meet the goal to reduce the deer herd in a few years. At that time we believed that IDNR professionals truly had the authority to set wildlife management policy under Administrative Rule.

At the meeting for preliminary approval an NRC member was outspoken that the proposal would need changes.This was prior to any public comment. Several weeks later the IDHA as well as other stakeholders were called to a special meeting as well as the IDNR by three NRC members concerning proposal number 1. Once there we were told that proposal number 1 was going to be withdrawn in total. IDNR was to withdraw the proposal and create a new version per the parameters given by three(3) NRC members. That today is version number 2. In over 25 years of interaction with the NRC to our knowledge never has there been private meetings with a group of sportsmen and IDNR on a preliminary adopted rule. Opportunity to harvest an antlered deer became more important than sound deer management. At this point IDNR employees lost control of wildlife management, it was stolen by an appointed committee of the political party in control.

Today the IDHA has no confidence in the Department of Natural Resources ability to manage ANY part of its' statutory responsibility. The NRC has become the body to promulgate rules. Several dedicated sportsmen spent many hours working in partnership with our paid professionals from IDNR to formulate a plan to change hunter behavior, taking the emphasis from antler hunting to deer hunting. It is evident that personal agendas inside the NRC would not allow that to happen. Instead of a strategic targeted deer season we now have a "redistributed deer harvest" that allows more weapon choices and more "opportunity days".

The IDHA does not support the present proposal in any way as structured today. We support the paid professionals inside IDNR, but will work in the future only on projects not affected by the NRC. The stakeholder group involved were allocated to scapegoats in this process, this will never be repeated. A well organized effort by a few derailed progress on reducing the deer herd in problem areas. When the present plan fails it will be revisited by the legislature.

In the end the IDHA realizes that decisions are now made in the political arena and not on the professional level. As a respected wildlife biologist once said....."Wildlife is easy to manage, people are the difficult part of the equation." The citizens of Indiana (hunter and non hunter) who placed responsibility of wildlife management in the hands of IDNR lose if this proposal passes, an appointed committee of political players should not set wildlife management rules.

Respectfully:

Joe Bacon

President IDHA

Time stamp 05/24/2011 07:28:14 PM

Commentor Name D Douglas Trueblood

Commentor County 3

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Columbus

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment A crossbow should not be considered to be equal to a compound or traditional bow and allowed to be used in the early archery season. I understand that new technology in bows make them very fast and efficient, however you still must be able to draw, hold and shoot accurately to harvest a deer with them. A crossbow is basically a gun that shoots an arrow and should only be allowed during gun seasons, or late archery season. If a person wants to use a crossbow due to a dissability or issue that does not allow them to use a traditional bow I am all for it and believe special permits can be given as I beleive they already are. However, if someone is too lazy and not dedicated to truely hunt archery season with a bow they should not get the benifit of the early season at the least.

Time stamp 05/25/2011 06:41:07 AM

Commentor Name KENNIE ROBERTS

Commentor County 48

Commentor State IL

Commentor City ANDERSON

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment i'm all for it.. it just might get more woman & kids in the woods.
i say to each their own.. just hunt and be glad you can..

Time stamp 05/25/2011 09:33:07 AM

Commentor Name LARRY C PIERCE

Commentor County 29

Commentor State IN

Commentor City CARMEL

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I THINK IT WOULD BE VERY GOOD TO HAVE CROSSBOWS IN ALL OPEN SEASONS.
SHORT AND TO THE POINT.

Time stamp 05/25/2011 09:33:23 AM

Commentor Name Erik M. Vosteen

Commentor County 57

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Ligonier

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment This comment concerns the crossbow and it's use during early archery season. First, I would like to be clear that I like crossbows. I support the right of anyone to use any tool they choose to harvest deer as long as that tool is safe and effective. However, as a lifelong hunter and archer, I am passionately opposed to crossbows being used alongside and with the same rules and seasons as archery equipment. Quite simply, crossbows are not archery. A crossbow is a stocked, cocked, firearm-style trigger pull device that is neither archery nor firearm. Archers have put forth a lot of effort to in past generations to ensure that we have archery seasons that match our equipment and limitations, and I respectfully ask that you not allow non-archery equipment to be used during archery season in Indiana except in cases of handicaps that prohibit the use of archery equipment.

I am very disappointed to hear about this proposed change, and most archers that I know are also opposed to allowing crossbow use under the same seasons and rules of archery. In fact, I would consider this rule change a slap in the face to myself and many dedicated lifelong hunting archers in my circle of friends. I hope you will reconsider.

Time stamp 05/25/2011 09:46:55 AM

Commentor Name Louie Kitcoff

Commentor County 53

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Bloomington, IN

Commentor Organization Indiana Bowhunters Asse.

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

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Time stamp 05/25/2011 10:03:42 AM

Commentor Name Kenneth

Commentor County 87

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Boonville

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I do not want crossbows to be allowed in the early archery season, please do not allow this to happen

Time stamp 05/25/2011 10:05:58 AM

Commentor Name randall r kief

Commentor County 53

Commentor State IN

Commentor City bloomington

Commentor Organization iba & bloomington archery club

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment If crossbows are to be allowed it should be during gun season only, as they have nothing to do with hand held bows.

Time stamp 05/25/2011 10:06:07 AM

Commentor Name William Stocke

Commentor County 53

Commentor State AL

Commentor City Bloomington, IN

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

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However, as a lifelong hunter and archer, I am passionately opposed to crossbows being used alongside and with the same rules and seasons as archery equipment. Quite simply, crossbows are not archery. A crossbow is a stocked, cocked, firearm-style trigger pull device that is neither archery nor firearm. Archers have put forth a lot of effort to in past generations to ensure that we have archery seasons that match our equipment and limitations, and I respectfully ask that you not allow non-archery equipment to be used during archery season in Indiana except in cases of handicaps that prohibit the use of archery equipment.

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Time stamp 05/25/2011 10:15:40 AM

Commentor Name Ryan Winterboer

Commentor County 32

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Pittsboro

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

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Time stamp 05/25/2011 10:41:01 AM

Commentor Name Tim

Commentor County 40

Commentor State IN

Commentor City North Vernon

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I would like to voice opposition to the use of crossbows during the early archery season. The two things are completely different. The only similarity is the word "Bow"

I am not opposed to special circumstances in a medical situation where a typical bow is a physical imparity the hunter has. But the general public cross bow season needs to stay as is has been in years past, a late season weapon.

Time stamp 05/25/2011 11:46:41 AM

Commentor Name Ty A. Smith

Commentor County 36

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Seymour

Commentor Organization IBA / concerned bowhunter

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I DO NOT support adding crossbows to the early archery season! As a concerned bowhunter, I am losing confidence in the NRC and the DNR. Let's work together to find alternative solutions to the problem.

Sincerely,

Ty A. Smith

Time stamp 05/25/2011 02:34:48 PM

Commentor Name Mark Meadows

Commentor County 23

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Hillsboro

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I have been a bowhunter since early 80's. Its not that im oppose to crossbows, but they shouldnt be in archery season. They have a stock they should be in gun season. I opened an archery shop back in 1991. Im still in business 20 years later. My biggest concern is how dangerous they are. Most guys keep them cocked all the time. Most are cumbersome, heavy, and most are not as accurate as compound bows. If this passes there will be alot more wounded deer. If the state needs more revenue raise non-resident license fees. Surrounding states charge more for deer tags.

Time stamp 05/25/2011 05:58:13 PM

Commentor Name coyote/fox dog

Commentor County 71

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Granger

Commentor Organization private citizen

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment THIS comment is for the coyote/fox dog. The DNR has made our wildlife disposable. The DNR is no longer a voice for our wildlife. The DNR has become a voice for the hunters. The whole State of Indiana needs to know the DNR approves the slaughter of small wildlife to help hunting dogs. The owners need the training, not the dogs. Stop this insane activity. Give wildlife a chance. All hunting should be fair. When the DNR has stopped being a voice for our wildlife, it is time to change the DNR employees who have lost vision of the DNR. 39 States have banned this barbaric activity. I question the intelligence and commitment of the DNR who find this deplorable activity acceptable. Stop giving in the hunters with loud voices and big dogs and money. BE a voice for the wildlife that has no say.

Time stamp 05/25/2011 06:18:39 PM

Commentor Name Travis Walsh

Commentor County 2

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Fort Wayne

Commentor Organization Ouabache Archers

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment allowing a non-handicapped person to use a crossbow during the same season i use a bow will be a slap in the face to me. A crossbow is NOT archery. It is a Stocked , Cocked , trigger pull, weapon ,similar to a gun. they are usually scoped, similar to a gun. If you want to add them to a season add them to gun season, please.

Time stamp 05/25/2011 06:34:02 PM

Commentor Name Jeremy Kemp

Commentor County 2

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Fort Wayne

Commentor Organization Iba

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Crossbows are stocked, cocked, triggered, and scoped. They are guns not to be looped in with archery season. I don't think crossbows should be in archery season.

Thanks

Time stamp 05/25/2011 06:44:32 PM

Commentor Name Robert N Dedaker

Commentor County 34

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Kokomo

Commentor Organization Professional Bowhunters Society

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I have been a licensed bowhunter since 1979. I am a regular member of the Professional Bowhunters Society and I am on the board of directors of Compton Traditional Bowhunters, the largest traditional bowhunting organization in the country.

The purpose of my writing is to express my displeasure with the proposed rule change to allow hunting with a crossbow in the early archery season in Indiana. This season was arrived at by the work of dedicated bow hunters in the past and, in my opinion, severely taints the early archery season as the crossbow, in my opinion, has little in common with the recurve, longbow or the compound. I would suggest that crossbows be legal only starting on the first day of the gun season and continuing through the last day of all seasons.

I, for one, have always supported the Indiana DNR in its governing of our outdoor activities, especially hunting. I have a Comprehensive Lifetime Hunting License and support all activities. Sadly, I am losing confidence in the DNR for proposing such a rule change as allowing crossbows in the early archery season. With all the trees still having leaves on during this season I fear for the safety of all hunters in the woods at this time with range and speed of the crossbow. I also believe that many of the crossbow hunters will be of limited hunting experience and many questionable shots might be taken endangering those in the the range of a crossbow bolt especially should a limb deflection occur.

Thank you for your allowing me to express my opinion.

Robert N Dedaker

Time stamp 05/25/2011 09:11:41 PM

Commentor Name Tom Ferguson

Commentor County 30

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Greenfield

Commentor Organization IBA

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I'm against using crossbows in early archery season. Put their use in late season along with muzzleloaders.

Time stamp 05/26/2011 05:45:38 AM

Commentor Name 312 IAC9-3-3

Commentor County 29

Commentor State IN

Commentor City INDIANAPOLIS

Commentor Organization IBA

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I would like to comment on the proposed use of a crossbow during early bow.

I do not agree that a crossbow or "crossgun" is a bow.

It should not be used in the early bow season. It should only be legal during firearms or late bow. The handicap clause should apply to these seasons as well.

Also they should be required to purchase a "Crossbow License".

I am becoming very uneasy with the proposed changes by the DNR and the Commission. It seems that they are trying to please everyone.

Whats next? A "THROWING AXE" or "NINJA STAR" season.

Deer hunting is something that I love, I don't think an "anything goes" idea is appropriate for the game animals or the State of Indiana.

The ANTI-HUNTING community thinks we are lazy slobs as it is, we don't need to give them more to use.

The key to reducing deer density is better access and relations with landowners, we don't want them believing our only agenda is to keep hunters and equipment manufacturers fat and happy.

Put the "HUNT" back in hunting, not the "HUNTER". If a hunter is true to the hunt, he'll know what is fair.

The reason I joined the IBA is to help promote an idea that is fair but proper for

"Bowhunting".

Thank You For Listening !

Time stamp 05/26/2011 06:10:53 AM

Commentor Name James Street

Commentor County 22

Commentor State IN

Commentor City New Albany

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I fully support the second proposal.

Time stamp 05/26/2011 09:18:19 AM

Commentor Name Michael A. Weiler

Commentor County 69

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Batesville

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

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Time stamp 05/26/2011 10:07:56 AM

AGENDA ITEM #13 (EXHIBIT B)

Commentor Name James Dale Sides

Commentor County 39

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Madison

Commentor Organization NA

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Stick to your guns on this one I am a member of IDHA and not all, myself included are anti proposal two. I am for Two 100%. Kudos to the DNR on this one Thanks for your time.. Dale Sides

Time stamp 05/26/2011 10:23:02 AM

Commentor Name steven life

Commentor County 46

Commentor State IN

Commentor City hamlet

Commentor Organization grand kankakee hunt club

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment You have a tough job writing these rules good luck! If you want to shoot more does make the season longer and the tags cheaper. You could make tags free for all deers donated to a food pantrey? The new rules are not a bad first step, better than the ones proposed last year. Lets all try to keep working on new deer rules that help all including the deer!!!!

Time stamp 05/26/2011 10:42:28 AM

Commentor Name Mike Hartigan

Commentor County 42

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Vincennes

Commentor Organization none

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I have a comprehensive lifetime hunting license and I support thses rule changes. Thank you for your service.

Time stamp 05/26/2011 02:45:27 PM

Commentor Name Ivan Berkenstock

Commentor County 53

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Bloomington

Commentor Organization Indiana Bowhunter Assoc.

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I am fully opposed to adding crossbows to the early archery season as a legal weapon. I am not opposed to crossbows or crossbow hunters if they have a seperate season and license. I feel a crossbow is neither a gun nor a bow and should be treated as the stand alone weapon it is.

Ivan Berkenstock

Time stamp 05/26/2011 02:53:02 PM

Commentor Name John Kevin Haendiges

Commentor County 31

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Ramsey

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Yes to all, especially crossbows in the archery season. IDNR will be glad they made that choice if this resolution passes.

Time stamp 05/26/2011 05:22:12 PM

Commentor Name Matt Hensley

Commentor County Out of State

Commentor State OH

Commentor City London

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Allowing the use of a crossbow during archery is a huge mistake. As a resident of Ohio, I can say that it was a horrible decision by our DNR. I hunt with a bow (longbow and compound) and gun. Early archery season should be for close range bows. Crossbows are not bows, just a gun with a bolt. After seeing crossbows shoot accurately out past 100 yards, you might as well allow shotguns during archery season also. No real difference in my opinion.

Time stamp 05/27/2011 04:59:58 AM

Commentor Name David Scott

Commentor County 30

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Shirley

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I very much encourage and support these proposed changes.

Time stamp 05/27/2011 08:02:17 AM

Commentor Name Tom Conely

Commentor County Out of State

Commentor State KY

Commentor City Vine Grove

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I completely support the current proposals. These proposals should improve overall hunting and opportunities for all hunters in Indiana.

Time stamp 05/27/2011 08:04:07 PM

Commentor Name William J Tucker

Commentor County 92

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Larwill

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment WOW! I am 62 years old and deer hunted with my dad since I was 6 years old. I say leave all the rules the way they are now. I also have went to around 12 meeting on these rules changes and it seems that every meet the rule changes mean a different meaning at every one. I still don't see how these rules are going to change anything just make more problems. The orange on ground blinds is crazy, the only good rule change is the bundle up the deer licenses. I thing the hunters from out of state should pay a lot more for coming to Indiana to hunt deer. I do when I go to another state. To me the only reason for the changes are for trophy hunter and for the DNR to make money off of licences. LEAVE THE RULES THE WAY THEY ARE. Thank you Bill

Time stamp 05/28/2011 04:24:44 AM

Commentor Name Jeff Corum

Commentor County 40

Commentor State IN

Commentor City North Vernon

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I do not support the inclusion of crossbows into archery season. A separate season should be established for crossbow hunting.

Time stamp 05/28/2011 07:21:23 AM

Commentor Name Danny L. East

Commentor County 55

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Martinsville

Commentor Organization Woody's Site

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment The current length of the PCR cartridge should remain in place, and not be extended as it will open up Pandora's box. It took a few of us twenty years to get PCR's legal and someone [unknown] decided to allow the cases to have a shoulder which negated the original idea of straight walls.

Time stamp 05/28/2011 07:50:47 AM

Commentor Name Charles Hamer

Commentor County 63

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Oakland City

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment As a lifetime resident and lifetime hunting license holder in Indiana. I strongly support the new deer rules and regulation that have been proposed. The inclusion of crossbows during early archery season is a real plus. Those that are against this rule are very selfish so called "sportsman". Keep up the good work. It is appreciated by the true sportsmen and women of our state. Thank You

Chuck Hamer

587E CR775S

Oakland City, IN 47660

Time stamp 05/29/2011 12:37:39 AM

Commentor Name James V Peter Jr.

Commentor County 19

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Jasper

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment As a lifetime IN resident, and a lifetime hunting license holder, I fully support this rule change.

Time stamp 05/30/2011 05:14:32 AM

Commentor Name Joseph P Havlin

Commentor County 73

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Fountaintown

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Thank you for allowing a public comment section for these rule changes. I would like to make my opinion on the crossbow heard, I do not believe the crossbow should be allowed in the archery season, it is not a bow if it has a stock attached to it and if you do not have to draw it immediately before the shot. I have no problem with allowing the crossbow in the gun season and or getting it's own season with a license to match the weapon, just not in the archery season. I would also like to make a comment on the change to allow gun season to start on October 1 on military/refuge hunts. I don't think that is a good idea either. I think the guns should remain in their respective seasons on the drawing hunts as well. Not to mention the fact that it will then require hunter orange on those hunts, as well as sending the deer into high alert as the guns start firing. The nice part about archery hunting is the peace and quiet in the woods we get to enjoy for a month before guns start going off, and don't get me wrong I'm a gun hunter as well. In summery I oppose the crossbow in the archery season , and gun season starting on October 1 on the military/refuge hunts. Thank you once again for allowing this opportunity to comment.---Joe

Time stamp 05/30/2011 06:27:24 AM

Commentor Name Donald Elpers

Commentor County 82

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Evansville

Commentor Organization personal

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Please reconsider the earn a buck program for urban zone hunting. I agree we need to control deer populations in urban zones but if we are required to kill a doe first that only on average can produce 2 fawns a year versus a buck that can produce as many fawns as he can breed does it just does not make good common sense. I am working under the assumption that a bowhunter in an urban zone is just as happy killing a doe as a buck since any deer killed with a bow is a trophy because if it were easy there would not be such a disproportionate number of gun hunters versus bowhunters, also I feel if the proposal is approved as written you will just see less bowhunting Sept. 15 to October 1 which is not going to help reduce the deer population since there are very few deer killed Sept. 15 to Oct. 1 anyway I predict like myself my fellow bowhunters are not willing to take the chance and hunt early urban zone with the chance of having to pass that trophy buck.

Time stamp 05/30/2011 07:47:13 AM

Commentor Name Lynn Blaine

Commentor County 57

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Kendallville

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Gentlemen,

I just returned from the State of Delaware. They open'd up crossbow 2 years ago. The program is a success. I think you are on the right track for deer harvest. As I'm sure you are aware, after opening day of firearms, deer go nocturnal big time.. Crossbow allows the hunter another avenue. Keep up the good work...

Sincerely

Lynn Blaine

Time stamp 05/31/2011 03:31:28 AM

Commentor Name james mullins

Commentor County 39

Commentor State IN

Commentor City madison

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment keep crossbows out of the normal bow season, they are not the same as the regualr bow.

let youths and older people use them but able bodied people should work a little and learn to use a regular bow.. there not that hard!! people are always looking for a handout and this is no different, they all ready have a season and now the xbow hunter just want more..

Time stamp 05/31/2011 12:20:06 PM

Commentor Name gary cook

Commentor County 25

Commentor State IN

Commentor City rochester

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment We need to be able to have the use of crossbows!

Time stamp 05/31/2011 01:38:19 PM

Commentor Name John Green

Commentor County 66

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Winamac

Commentor Organization NRA, NAHC

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I'm in total agreement on allowing crossbows during archery season. I do not agree on a separate license for crossbow as it is still a archery device and I think it should be under the same license.

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I am no longer able to use a conventional (compound or traditional) bow due to age and bad shoulders. This would enable me to continue my love of hunting with archery equipment.

John

Time stamp 05/31/2011 01:55:21 PM

Commentor Name Larry E Ellis

Commentor County 82

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Evansville

Commentor Organization DAV

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Would like to see CROSBOW hunting the entire Archery season. Would help alot of Vets with limited uper arm strength to deer hunt with a crossbow. Thanks Larry

Time stamp 05/31/2011 02:02:17 PM

Commentor Name Michael Highbaugh

Commentor County 49

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Indianapolis

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I'm for the changes, extending the urban deer season to January 31st. I've been a bowhunter for over forty five years, so i'm for the new proposed crossbow season. I would like to have the option of hunting with a compound bow are a crossbow the whole season. Thanks for letting us hunters put in some input.

Time stamp 05/31/2011 02:43:44 PM

Commentor Name Eric L. McMichael

Commentor County 87

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Newburgh

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I am a 57 yr old male hunter who is having a hard time with consistent accuracy with my compound archery equipment. I would prefer to use a crossbow due to the accuracy at close ranges hunting deer. I love archery season and the challenges of hunting with a bow. I don't like the possibility of a bad shot and not finding a animal I shot.

If I can't use a crossbow, I will probably give up archery hunting altogether.

A crossbow is not much more accurate than a compound bow, but it would give us older hunters with a shakey hand a little more confidence for a few more years in the woods during archery season.

Thanks, Eric L. McMichael

Time stamp 05/31/2011 05:46:53 PM

Commentor Name David A McDaniel

Commentor County 55

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Mooresville

Commentor Organization 46158

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Please do not include cross bows into the regular archery season!

It seems like the only voice that is heard is the manufactures of these so called bows,they do not belong in regular archery season. Do not cave in to the money people!

Time stamp 06/02/2011 04:23:30 PM

Commentor Name John Lee

Commentor County 15

Commentor State IN

Commentor City West Harrison

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I know the only reason to open up a crossbow season is for the state to make more money. This is a dangerous weapon to use when everyone is camoed up during bow season. As far as letting hunters use a larger rifle or any rifle is just stupid. If you want more hunters killed then pass this law. I am a rifle and crossbow owner and still think this is a bad idea. I know some politician is claiming that this is to thin out the deer herd. THIS IS BULLSHIT!!! I am a avid hunter and farmer in Ohio County(269 acres) and have seen deer on a steady decline in the past 5 years. This rule is about making money not the protection of the hunter or deer herd.

Time stamp 06/03/2011 09:13:27 AM

Commentor Name Jerem Bilancio

Commentor County 71

Commentor State IN

Commentor City South Bend

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I am in favor of the crossbow. Thank you

Time stamp 06/04/2011 12:39:27 PM

Commentor Name John M. Moorehead

Commentor County 45

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Crown Point

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment The fact that some hunters are only able to hunt weekends due to work obligations shortening the two week gun season to eight days is unacceptable. We are being told that hunter numbers are down and deer numbers are up stopping Hoosier hunters from going into the field by removing 8 additional days to hunt is not the answer to either one of these problems. Here are a couple of ideas:

A. Those that hunt private lands must take an antler-less deer before harvesting a buck. State Fish and Wildlife are exempt.

B. A legal buck in the state of Indiana must have four points on one antler.

C. A special doe season will occur on the last three days of the gun season for those who have taken a doe and buck. This license will be donated by the DNR and the meat will be donated to soup kitchens.

Last comment: I still hunt with my 81 year old father, neither one of my sons are interested in hunting. When dad stops I will be alone in the field with only memories, making deer season complicated will only make some give it up. Use common sense in your decisions, help hunters.

Time stamp 06/05/2011 08:38:05 AM

Commentor Name james coakley

Commentor County 84

Commentor State IN

Commentor City terre haute

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment it appears that indnr has finally proposed a solution that will benefit all deer hunters, more in line with other states and reduced previously confusing language.....thanks

Time stamp 06/06/2011 05:33:59 AM

Commentor Name james morgan
Commentor County 48
Commentor State IN
Commentor City elwood
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment I am all for the proposed changes
Time stamp 06/06/2011 12:51:09 PM

Commentor Name rickey pawlicke sr.
Commentor County 46
Commentor State IN
Commentor City michigan city
Commentor Organization none
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment I would like to se you pass the proposed crossbow rule ";if it cannot pass has written I would like to see it changed to allow anyone 55 years or older to use a crossbow for deer hunting with a special crossbow liscense there are many of us who have had to give up bow hunting because of medical problems;and with the recent change in many insurance deductables we cannot afford to pay the doctor deductible,plus purchase a crossbow so we are forced to sit at home and waite for cold weather to hunt for our meat;with the onset of cold weather many of us suffering with arthritis and joint pain suffer in the cold.I am not asking to take more deer since I do not take all I can get now I would just like to bow hunt before cold weather sets in;also a crossbow liscense would increase state revenue becaus many have given up on bow hunting or deer hunting all together .I respect any decesion you make on this matter just want you to keep in mind some day you will be 55 or have cronic pain and have to give up something you love.
Thank You,
Time stamp 06/06/2011 01:30:05 PM

Commentor Name Clarence (Woody) Williams
Commentor County 87
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Newburgh
Commentor Organization Hunting Indiana
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment I am not a rifleman except for my Ruger .44 Mag Carbine and a Browning BL22 .22 long rifle. So I could be off base here, but here is my two cents on the extending the rifle cartridge length to 1.80.

Knowing that the Indiana DNR wants to keep deer firearms to a low or mid range I have done some research. I have yet to find where any study on where centerfire rifle use, as opposed to shot guns, in deer seasons contributes to a higher frequency of accidents or fatalities.

A study and report that I did find showed that there are very little safety differences in shotgun slugs versus centerfire bullets.

http://6fbd21e64bc817fd097aa54148bd3dab37bc10ce.gripelements.com/documents/AFWA_Presentation_9-18-07.pdf

I really have very little problem with legalizing all centerfire rifles but IF the DNR really wants to maintain their low to mid range for deer hunting firearms they need to seriously look at what is being used today and what could be used if the 1.80 is passed. The lengthening of the present cartridge from 1.625 to 1.8 could very well open the door to higher feet per second wildcat cartridges that are in use today. Like I said I am not a rifleman, nor a reloader/wildcatter, so I am not sure what the 1.80 could bring.

With that in mind, my suggestion is to go full monty and allow ALL centerfire rifles.

However, IF the DNR truly wants to make all deer firearms low to mid range I would suggest that they need to stipulate that the cartridges be straight walled, as was originally proposed when pistol cartridge rifles became legal in Indiana for deer hunting.

Right now they are sort of everywhere in between.

AGENDA ITEM #13 (EXHIBIT B)

Thanks,

Clarence (Woody) Williams

Time stamp 06/13/2011 10:47:34 AM

Commentor Name dustin smith

Commentor County 1

Commentor State IN

Commentor City berne

Commentor Organization sportsmen

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment i am for the support of all purposed new deer regulations.

Time stamp 06/14/2011 08:43:46 PM

Commentor Name Michael Wildman

Commentor County 6

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Thorntown

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Looks excellent - Thanks for listening to the comments on the original proposal and coming up with what appears to be a great plan for the future of deer hunting in Indiana.

Time stamp 06/15/2011 06:08:59 AM

Commentor Name Thomas Richard Gardner

Commentor County 28

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Bloomfield

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment What additional cartridges will be allowed by permitting the maximum overall length of a rifle cartridge to be increased to from 1.625 to 1.8 inches?

Time stamp 06/15/2011 06:09:26 AM

Commentor Name justin horn

Commentor County 10

Commentor State IN

Commentor City jeffersonville

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I strongly disagree with the early crossbow rule. This will end up with greater hunter conflict in early archery season, that only happens now during the firearms season. For instance; the rule adopted in Virginia has almost driven bow hunters out of the public hunting grounds during the early season. If anything, restrict the early crossbow season to private property. Their using them now anyway.

Time stamp 06/15/2011 06:23:26 AM

Commentor Name BILL WIMBERG

Commentor County 22

Commentor State IN

Commentor City GEORGETOWN

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment INDIANA keeps adding rules and lic. requirements!!!!!!Why can't you attempt to make the rules (and following them) simpler? You

need to be a lawyer already to understand all your dumb*** rules. And you require a new l\$ense every time you go out. Why don't you try to apply a little common sense? (I may already know the answer to that). If you make the rules easier to understand, and the l\$ensing more affordable, I believe more folks would comply, and therefore generate more \$\$\$, but then this opinion is from Everyday Joe;...a non college educated, common sense sportsman. Rules, Rules, and more rules!!! ENOUGH!!!! Now a crossbow license to hunt in archery season? Really? You gotta be kidding, no wait this is In. DNR, you are probably not kidding. If this trend continues, you guys will RULE yourselves right out of existence. We are already losing \$\$\$\$ due to your unreasonable decisions, rules, and license requirements. If you want folks to buy licenses and support wildlife, make it more user friendly and affordable, not the opposite. DUH!!!

Time stamp 06/15/2011 06:23:25 AM

Commentor Name Anthony Marsiglio

Commentor County 32

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Plainfield

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Think the new amendments are great especially the addition of crossbows as I have hunted out of state with mine.

Time stamp 06/15/2011 06:28:22 AM

Commentor Name Brady Miller

Commentor County 28

Commentor State IN

Commentor City bloomfield

Commentor Organization Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment -License bundle is good opportunity to encourage folks to shoot more antlerless deer. Consider making the cost of the bundle nearly the same as an ordinary license, in other words do not charge for the additional antlerless deer license and only for the initial license. A hunter should not have to pay for the additional antlerless deer, the goal of deer management should not be to make money but to manage the herd properly. Show the public that this is indeed the case by making the antlerless licenses virtually free of charge.

-Still need to consider adding the opportunity for people to purchase a lifetime hunting/fishing license once again.

-Make a portion of each license sold go directly to a fund to support venison feeding programs such as FHFH instead of a voluntary donation as is currently. State gaming laws discourage conservation oriented non-profit groups such as FHFH, NWTF, etc. from fundraising activities where they may get into a "raffle" situation due to the illegality of "raffles" without a state gaming permit. Raffles, giveaways and door prizes are the primary opportunity to raise funding for these groups and without the support of the state license funding these opportunities to process and distribute venison to those in need will decrease.

Time stamp 06/15/2011 06:33:31 AM

Commentor Name Lucas Gannon

Commentor County 29

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Fishers

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment This is much improved over the last proposal. Well done.

Time stamp 06/15/2011 06:35:02 AM

Commentor Name Spencer Judd

Commentor County 48

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Anderson

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Thank you for this opportunity to voice our concerns:

Please allow crossbows to hunt deer! Us older people sometimes give up bow hunting due to the strenth we use to have pulling a standard bow.

Thank you!

Time stamp 06/15/2011 06:38:28 AM

Commentor Name Daniel L. Harman

Commentor County 71

Commentor State IN

Commentor City South Bend

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I beleive that ALL proposed changes be made to the Deer Amemdments for 2011.

Signed 6-15-2011

Daniel L. Harman

Time stamp 06/15/2011 06:41:10 AM

Commentor Name Bryan Brewer

Commentor County 23

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Covington

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I have a question on the requirement for hunter orange on the ground blind. Does this potential new rule mean you have to have the 144 square inches on the blind at all times or when the hunter is sitting in the blind? I agree it is a good idea and promotes safety. My only reservation is if the hunter orange is kept on the blind while not occupied there is a great chance for theft. The way blinds are built these days allows for very easy take down. Which means an easy and fast way to possibly steal a \$300 ground blind. If you think about it the hunter only has to wear the orange when they are in the woods during the specified season. One doesn't wear orange till they get out in the field. I would think adopting a similar rule for blinds would be more accepting.

Time stamp 06/15/2011 06:45:24 AM

Commentor Name Brian E. Catt

Commentor County 41

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Franklin

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Please consider cutting Johnson County to a 2 or 3 doe limit. The deer herd here has been drastically cut due to the 8 deer limit combined with deer deaths due to disease over the past 3 years. I would estimate the herd is down over 50% from juar 3 years ago. None of my hunting friends are seeing as many deer at any time during the year. Do not include Johnson Co in any special antlerless hunt.

In addition the military hunt in Camp Attebury should be dropped until that herd recovers from the increased military building and depredation during military training.

Time stamp 06/15/2011 06:47:30 AM

Commentor Name Justin Rowland

Commentor County 20

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Goshen

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I for one like the new rule changes as proposed in regards to the season lengths. But I would like to add some food for thought. I hunt for trophy whitetails. I have passed many bucks & does over the last few years waiting on the one I feel would be a reasonable trophy. This is mainly due to our 1 buck rule. I'm not saying change the one buck rule. But if given the incentive of harvesting 2 or 3 does in order to get an extra buck tag I would harvest more does. Many old school hunters don't harvest does at all. But I feel if given some sort of option of harvesting mulitple does for an extra buck tag would go a long way with the older generation.

Also related to the doe harvest there are times that I pass on does just to avoid the hassle. Over the years the check stations have become few adn

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far between. Why can't we adopt some sort of online check in process? By the time you harvest a deer get in feild dressed and out of the woods on an evening hunt there is little or no time to get to a station before it closes. So then your stuck going in the next morning. I'm sure I'm not the only hunter that has experienced this hassle or has passed deer to avoid it.

Time stamp 06/15/2011 06:50:41 AM

Commentor Name Gilbert B King

Commentor County 71

Commentor State IN

Commentor City south bend

Commentor Organization 46614

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment i lick the fact that you ar adding the crossbow to archery i am a bow hunter and this last year i tor my shoulder cuff the crossbow will be the only way ill be Abel to hunt archery now thanks and the late firearm season good call

Time stamp 06/15/2011 07:04:31 AM

Commentor Name Gregory Ryan Lecher

Commentor County 49

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Indianapolis

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I live in Marion County but I hunt in Dearborn County and I think allowing crossbows as an acceptable substitute for a compound bow is an excellant way to lure people to hunt more and during bow season. If the goal is to lessen the deer herd especially in certain overpopulated counties this would be a very good means. I have no desire to hunt with a compound bow but will go out and buy a crossbow the next day if the rules are changed to allow them.

Time stamp 06/15/2011 07:05:29 AM

Commentor Name william christopher buhmann

Commentor County 64

Commentor State IN

Commentor City valparaiso

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I fully support all deer season rule changes. william c buhmann

Time stamp 06/15/2011 07:06:39 AM

Commentor Name louis thomas bailey

Commentor County 41

Commentor State IN

Commentor City franklin

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I wholeheartedly agree with the new changes..with two exceptions. As a disabled hunter who hunts with a crossbow,I think that if a person holds a crossbow permit from the state for thiee disability..then that hunter should not br required to purchase a crossbow license. I believe that group should only have to purchase an archery tag..like we do currently. Most of us are on a fixed income,and the added expense may discourage some hunters. Also..opening firearms season in October on certain areas will take away from the hunt experiance that archers enjoy. Most archers hunt with a bow to enjoy the solitude away from the masses. Opening firearms season that early will turn archers away,and pressure the deer herds unduly,causing them to be more nocturnal than nature intended. There may be a temporary harvest increase,but overall it will end up being less due to the added pressure on the herd causing them to abandon daytime movement and causing archers to abandon properties where the firearms season opens early. As a hntet,I see a lot more deer pn some public land,nut the doe numbers are still to high. To accommodate the firearm hunters and help control deer herds,I propose lengthenin that season by one week,and allowing them,on certain properties,to harvest a buck or doe with thoet firearm license. Thank you for your time.

Time stamp 06/15/2011 07:14:38 AM

Commentor Name Tom Bauters
Commentor County 25
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Akron
Commentor Organization individual
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment Dear Sir or Madam

My comments re the proposed rule changes:

1) The "Deer License Bundle" (1 buck/2 doe) license is a start, but the NRC should resurrect the life time license purchase opportunity as an alternate to yearly and increased license fees AND as an option to get hunters afield during all seasons (Note - I purchased my lifetime license in 1997).

2) Special Antlerless Season:- this should begin 1 week earlier and last 15 days

Respectfully submitted
Tom Bauters
Akron, IN
Time stamp 06/15/2011 07:15:12 AM

Commentor Name Conan Romersberger
Commentor County Out of State
Commentor State AL
Commentor City Nappanee
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I support these rulings mostly because of the license bundle for residents. I normally end up buying three in the year separately and many times not even getting a deer with them. Perhaps i need better luck but I like to keep trying through the different seasons from bow to gun and bonus deer. This will be great for me. As for the crossbows in bow season I would like to see orange required in public lands because you are walking around with a trigger ready weapon. Bow hunters like myself are very careful and do not draw unless we know we will shoot at the animal we see. Timing is everything with bows. But crossbows is no different that running through the woods with a 12 guage as far as i am concerned. Don't get me wrong, I want a crossbow for the range, but will it take some of the special stealth time away from the bow season. Especially on public lands. Thanks

Time stamp 06/15/2011 07:24:58 AM

Commentor Name Kevin Levesque
Commentor County 84
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Terre Haute
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I fully endorse the changes made to the deer season. I would however like to see a bundling of the various weapon seasons. Example being a bundle including any license at full price and all following licenses at 50% off each consecutive license, not to include changes to bonus antlerless license purchases

This would encourage not only more hunters to return but bring many of them to extended seasons.

I did not see if there was going to be additional charge for the antlerless only season. It is my hope and wish that there is no additional charge for this season as it will begin to restrict hunting to those of financial means and limit the individual of lesser means from the opportunities presented by DNR

Time stamp 06/15/2011 07:26:52 AM

Commentor Name Geprge Vernon
Commentor County 24
Commentor State IN

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Commentor City Laurel

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I know this is not the specific issue up for debate, but crossbows have no real place in the archery season. If you feel you have to include crossbows, think about a separate season, or limit their use to the last two weeks of the archery season.

Time stamp 06/15/2011 07:29:05 AM

Commentor Name Will Collins

Commentor County 22

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Greenville

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I have one comment, that is about adding a gun season for does at the end of the year, and this will also apply to the late bow season, I think you might want to extend the time to the middle or even the end of January, or at lest try it one year. Thankyou for your time.

Time stamp 06/15/2011 07:29:56 AM

Commentor Name Bill Leach

Commentor County 49

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Indianapolis

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment While this proposal is better than the original I still have a problem with it and so do all the bowhunters I know. To allow crossbows throughout all the seasons is unfair to traditional bowhunters who use longbow or compound bows. There are crossbows with scopes that have an effective range of 100 yards!! That's as good as most firearms!! I have a problem with crossbows for anyone that is not handicapped. And if they're going to be allowed then they should be limited just as firearms are. A traditional bows range is about 40 yard. Crossbows should be limited to the same otherwise there is no point to an "archery" season. This is an issue that seriously needs to be addressed or the deer population and deer hunting will suffer for everyone.

Time stamp 06/15/2011 07:35:13 AM

Commentor Name Robert Woodling

Commentor County 53

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Unionville

Commentor Organization IFWOA

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I am in favor of the rule changes.

Time stamp 06/15/2011 07:37:04 AM

Commentor Name Jeff Wilson

Commentor County Out of State

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Rushville

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I strong disagree with the changes in the crossbow regulations. I do understand the youth and disabled being able to use the crossbows but not the general public.

Time stamp 06/15/2011 07:41:18 AM

Commentor Name Stanley Zawila

Commentor County Out of State

Commentor State IL

Commentor City Elmhurst

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment It is not clear when an Extra Bonus license can be used. In the descriptions by season there was only one season where the license was specifically listed.

The week without any deer hunting between the Firearms season and the Muzzle loader season should be maintained. The muzzle loader season is already a difficult season and with the additional pressure from the archery season during what used to be an open week I believe the harvest will be lower.

Change the name of the archery season to Bow season; it could help minimize the arguments about crossbow hunting being archery.

Time stamp 06/15/2011 07:49:24 AM

Commentor Name Greg Bryant

Commentor County 29

Commentor State OH

Commentor City Liberty Twsp

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Will there be a combined license that will allow the hunting of small game and large game as well as fishing on the same license for a year. This is of course for a non residence. Right know I had to quit hunting Indiana due to not being able to afford the license. Also will a person be able to hunt on a crop tag if they don't obtain a hunting license.

Time stamp 06/15/2011 08:05:24 AM

Commentor Name Michael S Mark

Commentor County 56

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Lake Village

Commentor Organization County Councilman

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I feel these proposed Rules changes are better aligned to the expectation to the citizens of Indiana and if they complete the task of managing the Deer herd then it is a good solutions. I see nothing wrong with this proposal.

Time stamp 06/15/2011 08:07:39 AM

Commentor Name Mary Dian Williams

Commentor County 52

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Denver

Commentor Organization none

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment We are in support of the rule changes. Hunting is for all hunters, not just those who use "traditional" archery. These rule changes would give us more time to hunt with my family. Many deer are still being hit locally by autos.

Time stamp 06/15/2011 08:18:40 AM

Commentor Name Jaord Hall

Commentor County 19

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Dubois

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I truly don't understand how the new early season rule changes would increase the number of deer taken. Allowing crossbows will not raise the number of archers in the field, due to their cost. If you are looking to decrease the herd, why not put an "earn a buck" for archery tackle; much like you are considering for the urban hunts? Most archery hunters are what you cateogized as "trophy hunters" when you passed the one buck rule. This would give the "trophy hunters" that spend a large amount of time in the field the incentive to take a doe. As a passing note, I (and

nearly everyone I know) was a big fan of the first rule change amendment, but the second effort seems short-sighted. Sometimes going outside the box is needed. I hope the second effort gets twice the complaints that the first effort recieved, because I can find no real value in it, other than the urban changes & the "bundle" tags.

Time stamp 06/15/2011 08:24:36 AM

Commentor Name Andrew Stevens

Commentor County 71

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Osceola

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Please forgive me if I am incorrect in my interpretation:

It would seem to make sense to improve the hunting license confusion by simply allowing the first license for firearm season to apply to any deer male or female.

By stating that:

1. A hunter is allowed only one antlered deer per all hunting seasons.
2. A hunter can purchase as many tags as is allowed per state and county quotas.
3. Any sex deer can be taken with any tag within season (gun, archery)

It would reduce the confusion regarding which and how many tags should be on hand when out in the field. Having to buy 2 tags to insure the opportunity to take any deer while in the field is I believe excessive. (Firearm season implied)

I realize that the financial gain for the DNR by mandating a hunter to buy two tags to be able to take either sex deer may override my thoughts above.

Additionally, to entice more hunting- would the reduction of the out of state fees encourage or influence more hunters? If Michigan and Indiana have the same tag cost- the hunter may be influenced by other aspects and possibly head up north to Michigan. But reduced prices may help in this trying economy.

Just a few thoughts.

Sincerely,

Andrew Stevens

Time stamp 06/15/2011 08:27:36 AM

Commentor Name Rick James Mickle

Commentor County 4

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Boswell

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I am a big supporter of the crossbow being included in the archery season. My young daughter is not strong enough to pull a 55 lb compound bow back but she would like to hunt deer. Crossbows in archery season would offer her the opportunity to hunt longer than just the short gun season.

I also think crossbows would keep older hunters, who struggle or can no longer pull back a compound bow, in the woods longer.

Time stamp 06/15/2011 08:34:39 AM

Commentor Name Alvin Anderson

Commentor County 2

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Roanoke

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Commentor Organization**Commentor Email** [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I would have liked to see a proposal to have a free or reduced cost license for senior citizens or a reduced cost lifetime license for senior citizens.

Time stamp 06/15/2011 09:05:57 AM

Commentor Name ROY V FLOYD**Commentor County** Out of State**Commentor State** IN**Commentor City** CHARLESTOWN**Commentor Organization** 47111**Commentor Email** [Email Commentor](#)

Comment IF THE PURPOSE OF SOME OF THESE RULE CHANGES IS TO REDUCE THE DEER HERD YOU HAVE MISSED THE MARK. THE MAIN REASON THERE ARE TOO MANY DEER IS THERE ARE TOO MANY DOES. I HAVE HUNTED DEER FOR OVER 40 YEARS AND I DON'T OF MANY HUNTERS WHO WILL KILL MORE DEER THAN THEY NEED AND PAY TO DO IT. I PERSONALLY WOULD KILL MORE DOES IF I DIDN'T HAVE TO PAY FOR EACH LICENSE. I CANNOT AFFORD TO BUY A LICENSE TO KILL A DEER AND THEN GIVE IT AWAY SINCE IT IS ILLEGAL TO SALE . WHY NOT LET HUNTERS KILL ANTLERLESS DEER FOR FREE IF THEY ARE GIVEN TO THE FEED THE HUNGRY PROGRAMS. I WILL GUARANTEE YOU THIS WILL REDUCE THE DEER HERDS.
RESPECTIVELY YOURS
ROY

Time stamp 06/15/2011 09:23:10 AM

Commentor Name david kalani rodrigues**Commentor County** 56**Commentor State** IN**Commentor City** thayer**Commentor Organization****Commentor Email** [Email Commentor](#)

Comment To whom it may concern "All hoosier hunters". I believe we need to make crossbows coincide with our archery season. First of all, i have a fiance and 9 year old daughter who are scared of guns but would hunt with a crossbow but are not going to go out when it's in freezing weather. If we make this change their will be a huge number of people including kids and women who could have the opportunity to hunt with a weapon that has plenty of knockdown power . The problem we have is alot of women and young children who don't like guns or using them can't pull back a bow of legal poundage. With a crossbow and a crank device it's unlimited to them. We need to start thinking of more revenue for our state and this would be a great booster. It's time to start thinking about getting more women and children interested instead of limiting them.

Time stamp 06/15/2011 09:30:06 AM

Commentor Name Michael D. Tice**Commentor County** 71**Commentor State** IN**Commentor City** South Bend**Commentor Organization****Commentor Email** [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I am in favor of the proposed changes. I am mainly a meat hunter and harvesting a doe or two with a crossbow would be a welcomed experience. I am almost 62 yrs old and can no longer hunt with a bow.

Time stamp 06/15/2011 09:32:51 AM

Commentor Name Ken Richwalski**Commentor County** 45**Commentor State** IN**Commentor City** Lowell**Commentor Organization****Commentor Email** [Email Commentor](#)

Comment What about ground blinds that do not completely conceal the hunter? Are they subject to the 144 square inch rule as well?

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I have a ground blind where my head and part of my upper body is visible with hunter orange.

Also with the Urban deer season, what weapons are able to be used during this period and is it truly September 12 through January 31 of following year?

Time stamp 06/15/2011 09:53:14 AM

Commentor Name Michael Highbaugh

Commentor County 49

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Indianapolis

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I like the extended urban deer season, and i think it should run from Sept.15 thru Jan. 31st. Also the use of a crossbow the whole season. If approved, when will the new rules go in affect? Thanks for our input, Mike

Time stamp 06/15/2011 10:32:14 AM

Commentor Name joe a, farster sr

Commentor County 45

Commentor State IN

Commentor City lake station

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment leave the deer season an rules alone they are liberal enough

Time stamp 06/15/2011 10:57:53 AM

Commentor Name Raymond Jones

Commentor County 18

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Muncie

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment i have an issue with the cross bow rule i believe only disabled persons under the rules and regulations in force as of now should be privleged to use a crossbow by letting others who do not fall under this rule takes away and discourages handicapped hunters who really deserve this right. i have a disability and a crossbow permit but i use a regular bow and will as long as i can. i dont think it is fair to limit their chances to harvest deer so almost anyone can use weapons that were put to law especially for the handicapped i see no reason for this change. remember i said i have a crossbow permit but still use a regular bow as long as i can use this bow i will but some hunters are not a fornutate as i am they have no choice but a crossbow. please leave this rule alone. let our fellow handicapped hunters have their day. some of these hunters are disabled from the wars we have had is this how we show respect? thank you

Time stamp 06/15/2011 11:11:32 AM

Commentor Name Chad Schuringa

Commentor County 86

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Attica

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I disagree strongly with allowing crossbows to be used during the early archery season. This is not a bow, it has a stock and is locked and loaded for firing like a gun. If cross bows want to be used during firearms season and muzzel loader season that is fine but leave the archery season to the archers. If this is about killing more deer then drop your prices on doe tags or implement a earn a buck system but leave the archery season alone

Time stamp 06/15/2011 11:32:39 AM

Commentor Name Hugh Nantz

Commentor County 88

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Salem

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I commend the IDNR for evaluating the current regulations and attempting to obtain a better hunter experience and health of our deer herd. It would have been easy to leave things the way are, but they decided to invest a lot of time and energy into bettering the herd. Thank you for this effort.

There are a number of great changes within this proposal. The hunter license bundle(this is a great idea, even though i have a lifetime license and it does not effect me, i know it will effect a lot of Hoosiers), continuous archery season, earn-a-buck urban deer,and the non resident youth license to name a few.

There are also a few items i disagree with, such as the antlerless only season in late December. I hunt hard through the end of season and every year i see numerous bucks that have already shed their antlers by the last day of archery season. I know that proportionately more deer will still be carrying their antlers during this season than those that have shed, but their will still be "shed bucks" accidentally harvested. I believe this is counterproductive to the reasoning behind this season, population control. It is also going to place unneeded stress on the deer herd as they head into winter. (I know their is already a deer season occurring during this time, but take it from a guy who hunts during this time frame; very, very few people are out hunting.)

I also disagree with leaving the current firearms and muzzleloader seasons the same length. Statistically the majority of deer are harvested by the end of the second weekend of firearms season. This 32 day onslaught stresses the deer herd at the vulnerable time of going into winter. I believe that two 9 day season (original proposal) and an additional antlerless season in October, would benefit the herd, hunter experience, and population control much better.

Thank you again for all of the effort you have put into your attempts to improve the deer herd and hunter experience in Indiana. Also, thank you for allowing the people these rules will effect to voice their concerns and opinions.

Sincerely,

Hugh Nantz

Time stamp 06/15/2011 11:59:06 AM

Commentor Name Mark A Neubeck Sr

Commentor County 6

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Kirclin

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I personally think that adding crossbows to the early archery season is awesome, it's a no brainer. It will add revenue for the state and add to the hunter population. Which will help manage the deer herds thruout the state. There have been many years that I have gotten skunked during deer season for some reason, lack of opportunity, bad shot what ever. Adding another means to be successful is great. The bundle license is also a great idea, I hunt archery and firearms every year and the break in cost would be helpful. Thanks, Mark GOD BLESS!

Time stamp 06/15/2011 12:19:18 PM

Commentor Name Kristopher D Geyer

Commentor County 35

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Huntington

Commentor Organization 46750

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I like all the new deer rule proposals and would like to see them passed. The bundled license and use of crossbows are especially good and should have been proposed years ago.

Time stamp 06/15/2011 12:19:27 PM

Commentor Name Martin Brockman

Commentor County 24

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Oldenburg

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment We have an over abundance of deer in almost every southern county. Why should baiting deer be illegal when legal in Kentucky, Ohio, and Michigan which are bordering states facing same high population issues?

Please add 30/30 and 35 caliber rifles as legal weapons to use during firearm season as a minimum. Both of these are "deer guns" and are not long, flat trajectory rifles. Flat shooting rifles are legal during coyote season, and I feel more rifle calibers should be legal during deer season also. Pick 6-10 southern counties which are hilly and then check safety records over a three year period for any increase in accidents due to the use of more calibers of rifles. I have not heard of an increase in firearm accidents due to allowing the restricted rifles. I am sure hunters would be OK to take additional hunter safety course to be allowed to use all rifles and state could charge a reasonable fee for the training and certification and create small source of income.

Time stamp 06/15/2011 12:38:41 PM

Commentor Name Michael Heastan

Commentor County 2

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Fort Wayne

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I encourage you to NOT make a urban zone deer hunter take a antlerless deer prior to taking a antlered deer. That Buck of a lifetime may be the first & only deer that walks by a hunter. With this new proposal your hands are tied NOT fun!

Thank Much

Respectfully

Michael Heastan

P.S. Congrats Scotty on your NEW appointment. Your old "River Rescue School" student from Fort Wayne.

Time stamp 06/15/2011 02:54:59 PM

Commentor Name james street

Commentor County 22

Commentor State IN

Commentor City new albany

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I fully support the second proposal.

Time stamp 06/15/2011 03:50:32 PM

Commentor Name steven l. wendt

Commentor County 49

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Indianapolis

Commentor Organization myself

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Thank You for the opportunity to comment. I concur that this is a good proposal for state income, deer/human mishaps and over all make good sense for hunting in general. I do question the 144 sq inches of Hunters Orange. Why 144 inches and the basis for this proposal, i use a blind and use a orange hunting sock hat on top of my blind and can see it more then 1/2 mile away. The cap is not 144 sq inches. Does 144 sq inches seam big ? That is my question and comment. Lets keep hunting.

Steve Wendt

US Navy (Ret)
Time stamp 06/15/2011 04:07:57 PM

Commentor Name willie wireman
Commentor County 37
Commentor State IN
Commentor City wheatfield
Commentor Organization average resident hunter
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I am not in favor of opening up the crossbow-aka"gun" season during regular bow season.It should have it's own season-maybe right after muzzleloader or a split season-early and late?People are going to think and use this as a another gun season.It should be treated as one !!!!Most people will fail to do their homework and research the limitations to these weapons!!!! You are asking for trouble and endangering alot of us bow hunters out there. This will flood the woods with the traditional "gun" hunters! Now, we will have to worry about mini arrows being flung all over the place and have an even harder time harvesting deer. isn't this the opposite of what you and the insurance lobbyist want? It's not about balancing a herd and making Indiana a premier state. It's not about making our neighboring states pay the same as we do to hunt their land!!! \$427.00 for me to hunt Illinois!!!! Now, you geniuses down state want to bundle the licences for out of state youth- a great idea if they would do the same for our youth!! Once again, our state is an open season for every Tom Dick and Harry to rape ,pillage , and plunder our resources for pennies!!!! Most of us can't even find a place to hunt because of this already!! I have 4 guys from Wisconsin stuck up my butt on my Dad's measly 10 acres of mostly open ground. Heck,\$ 4.00gas looks cheap to them with the cost of their Indiana license figured in. Same thing a few years back in Southern In. with Ohio residents flooding in just to hunt Sundays!!!! Get a clue,level the out of state fees and help out your own residents on licenses and you will have no problem shooting deer for the insurance industry!!!! Where do you people come up with this stuff? Sincerely thinking of throwing in the towel on deer hunting in my home state and the hassle of finding decent places anymore! Might be better off just doing a booked hunt out of state once a year! I'm sure they would put my money to better use!!! Willie Wireman Ps- Hope you take these comments very seriously!!!!

Time stamp 06/15/2011 04:40:09 PM

Commentor Name Steven Kuns
Commentor County 8
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Flora
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I think the 144 inches of orange to be visible from all directions on a ground blind is excessive. None of my ground blinds have that much area and it will mean that I either have to replace all of them or figure out a way to attach something to each side of each one. All of my blinds have some orange on them but only about 16-20 sq. inches per side.

Time stamp 06/15/2011 04:52:03 PM

Commentor Name donald berkey
Commentor County 20
Commentor State IN
Commentor City goshen
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment sounds good shoild have to take a doe first for whole state and maybe deer check in through the computer

Time stamp 06/15/2011 05:46:23 PM

Commentor Name Brian Klinger
Commentor County 27
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Marion
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Most of the laws are only good if the person being asked will allow hunting on thier property. I don't see where most of this is really going to help. The Salamonie and Mississenewa reservoir systems that I hunted last year would not allow the taking of bonus deer. Would the

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repeal of this help meet the reduction of deer? Why not make legal deer hunting a possibility for government subsidized farm ground?
Time stamp 06/15/2011 05:50:47 PM

Commentor Name Leslie Conrad

Commentor County 27

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Marion

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I like the idea of the new License Bundle that has been considered, please keep this in the new regulations.

Time stamp 06/15/2011 08:13:10 PM

Commentor Name Jeff Duncan

Commentor County 8

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Delphi

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I use to kill several deer per year and purchase 4 to 5 tags. Now I mostly archery hunt and purchase fewer tags, unless I'm helping another hunter during firearms season. Most year I pass up many deer well within bow range. I have no place to check deer in without driving out of town. By the time I get the deer in the truck, driver out of town, check the deer in, and drive home the deer has been exposed to 80 to 95 degree weather and the hot sun beating down for 3 or 4 hours.

Many of the antlerless deer in the area I hunt are small. By the time you process the small deer the \$25 tags and \$120 processing fees make the meat the more expensive than buying beef. Now I only shoot large deer.

New rules are not likely to change why I quit shooting deer, they are very easy to locate and kill in October. What I really need is \$10 tags and the ability to call my harvest in. With those two simple changes to the rules I would go back to killing as many deer as needed. I'll kill the first 5 deer I see (small or large), drag them home and process them myself. If you want me to hunt with a gun I will, compound bow sure, long bow yes, crossbow maybe, muzzle loader why not. They are simply tools and they all work well. I hunt far less during gun season simply because there are some really stupid people hunting in my area during that time. Just ask the COs that monitor the state land in White county. :)

Time stamp 06/16/2011 01:15:18 AM

Commentor Name Cyndi Heinold

Commentor County 43

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Etna Green

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment To Whom It May Concern:

I personally do not hunt deer, but my husband does every year. I support the proposal that is currently being reviewed as the deer population has increased to a point that is above tolerance. I have noticed more and more deer near the roadways in all months and believe that such action would encourage hunters to hunt does as well as bucks. Thank you for your time and dedication to our natural resources.

Time stamp 06/16/2011 03:35:38 AM

Commentor Name MICHAEL J. DOHERTY

Commentor County 89

Commentor State IN

Commentor City RICHMOND

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Three items:

1. Keep regular firearms seasons at 16 days. 10 days is too short. This is especially true in years when corn harvest runs late in wet fall counties.

The 16 days are needed to get more field time across 3 weekends.

2. You need to also do "earn a buck" in counties that have 4 or more bonus deer. That is the only way to reduce the population. Even the most avid meat hunters will not take more than 3 does and a buck. Earn a buck will force the buck hunters to assist in the harvest.

3. Nothing in the proposed rule(s) addresses the lack of check in stations or the limited hours of many of them. A telephone check in system needs to be explored. This is especially urgent in very warm hunting seasons. Meat spoilage and carcass icing are a challenge when there is no ability to check in due to limited weekend hours.

Time stamp 06/16/2011 05:09:01 AM

Commentor Name James Shoustal

Commentor County 35

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Markle

Commentor Organization Individual

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Your comments concerning deer damage to farm crops is not consistent with my experience on my farm as well as my two neighbors. We feel that your approach will adversely impact the deer hunting by decimating the herd and destroy a great sport. I personally had experienced the same approach by the PA Game Commission in the late 60's /early 70's. It ruined some great hunting areas including the area around my three farms. Fortunately I was transferred to IN and found this great farm which butts up against the south side of the Roush Lake Property. I and my neighbors control a large section of good deer hunting which provides great sport. Every year we auction off a hunt to benefit the 4H shooting sports group which provides support as well as ensures the next generation a group of hunters who have experienced the thrill of harvesting a deer.

We feel your proposed new rules will adversely impact the sport in the state as a whole and devastate the hunting on Roush. We have enough trouble with trespassers on our properties without an extended season.

Jim Shoustal and neighbors. 317-698-8320

Time stamp 06/16/2011 05:13:51 AM

Commentor Name doug Chapin

Commentor County 14

Commentor State IN

Commentor City odon

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment All the changes seem reasonable to me. I like the licence bundling. Not in to much favor of the orange on the blinds i don't think that is necessary but could live with it. I like the crossbow changes too,

Doug Chapin

Time stamp 06/16/2011 05:26:13 AM

Commentor Name Chad Schuringa

Commentor County 86

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Attica

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I Dont know why your even holding open hearings, you are not listening to the hunters of this state, you are listening to big business ie. the crossbow industry. Crossbows are a gun that shoot arrows, it belongs in the gun season. If people want to hunt with them in the gun season then that is fine, otherwise take the time to learn how to shoot a bow, it takes time and practice unlike a crossbow. IT IS A GUN....PERIOD!!!!

Time stamp 06/16/2011 08:39:14 AM

Commentor Name Jeff Duncan

Commentor County 8

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Delphi

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment One further note, when hunting during the warm October days evening hunts are a big issue. With no local place to check deer in and night time temperatures in the 60 degree range, deer spoil before check in stations open open the next day (in Lafayette). This prevents evening hunting until night time temps stay below 40 degrees.

Please consider allowing hunters to call in their harvest the next day like many other states. This allows us to process the deer and get it in the freezer that night. You're likely to find more people reporting the true number of deer they kill.

Time stamp 06/16/2011 08:46:43 AM

Commentor Name Jonathon G. Oswald

Commentor County 50

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Bremen

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Issue on Hunter Orange required to be seen on all sides of ground blind:

I use tepee type ground blinds and round blinds. Does this mean I would require a 12"x12" Hunter Orange on all four sides of the blind? If this is the case, this is an stupid requirement.

Also: Why isn't on-line check-in allowed? At the price of \$4 a gallon for gas, I have to drive about 20 miles to the closest check-in station. Marshall doesn't have check-in stations. If no on-line check-in, why not raise the cost of deer tags by \$1 and giving that money to private check-in stations? This may encourage businesses, other than processors, to check-in deer and turkey and I won't have to spend so much money to drive to check-in.

Time stamp 06/16/2011 10:39:20 AM

Commentor Name Randall Stoltz

Commentor County 74

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Chrisney

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I agree with all of the proposed changes, except I would like to see the orange on ground blinds rule only apply to state properties, not private property.

(t) A ground blind that is:

(1) occupied must contain a minimum of one hundred forty-four (144) square inches of material on each side that is solid hunter orange and is visible from any direction

Time stamp 06/16/2011 12:34:56 PM

Commentor Name Nick

Commentor County 53

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Bloomington

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment It seems like every year once again it seems that someone has figured out a way to buy another license...a crossbow uses an arrow...even has bow in the name...cant we treat it as an equal to the bow. Just a tool that allows greater accesibility to the sport. After all, the same hunter, regardless of which they use would still have to buy an archery license.

Time stamp 06/16/2011 12:50:14 PM

Commentor Name Lynn C. Ransdell

Commentor County 31

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Ramsey

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I am wholeheartedly in favor of these rule changes as currently proposed. The only point I find to be unclear is when these changes, if finally adopted, would become effective... the 2011 or 2012 season.

Time stamp 06/16/2011 12:51:38 PM

Commentor Name Nick McCammon

Commentor County 53

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Bloomington

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment urban deer zone license? Another License? Come on... this is a managment license...

Time stamp 06/16/2011 12:54:02 PM

Commentor Name Nick McCammon

Commentor County 53

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Bloomington

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment "not be a rifle that has a barrel less than eighteen (18) inches"

According to the ATF, legal length of a rifle is 16...why does this mention 18 inches long? Why does this need to be in here? Is this an old shotgun reference? What possible reason would you bother with this 2 inches? To confuse hunters? Gun Shops? Out of state hunters? It is the butt stock that makes it a rifle.

I understand why some people would want to lengthen the case to 1.8...SW500 has more power than the 3030...and a bigger bullet...why not go to 2.2 to allow for the 45 70? The SW 500 works at 50,000 psi and 300 to 700gr bullets at up to 2000fps...Lets call the common round 400gr at 1800 fps and 2,877 ft-lbf in a handgun barrel. The 3030 works at about 27000 psi uses a 110 to 170 grain bullet at up to 2600 fps 150 at 2400 is the common round with 1,903 ft-lbf in a rifle barrel.

I think this is getting to the point where justification is pretty hard to come up with a reason why you can't use bottle neck cartridges in a rifle... I guess what I am saying is what is your point? I can use a 300 win mag in a single shot pistol but not in a single shot rifle...and what is the reason? Safety? I personally use a single shot pistol in a 243 rifle caliber...and I rarely shoot...and when I do I have a deer....that is your quest right...one shot one deer...anything else means lead slinging around the woods...with people in the woods.

What makes deer hunting dangerous is the repeating guns...namely semi-autos...and this very much means shotguns too. You need to be in the woods when some yahoo starts spraying lead at a running deer...if we are really concerned about safety, we need to change our thinking to the function of weapon instead of the size of the case.

Time stamp 06/16/2011 01:39:47 PM

Commentor Name Mike Dowden

Commentor County 49

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Indianapolis

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I am in support of the change in the deer hunting regulations.

I think the additional season for antlerless deer is a very good idea.

If it were up to me the firearms season would be extended from the current close of early bow bow season until the end of the January.

Time stamp 06/16/2011 01:44:48 PM

Commentor Name Bernard J Englert

Commentor County 41

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Trafalgar

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Shell length change. Why not go 1/8th more for the 30/30 which is only a 200 yd gun, I know a lot of hunters that want this gun I can't understand the reluctance to do this help me understand , the rest of the proposal to leave the firearms as is should stay, the crossbow should be used all the time, we are behind times on this way behind.

thank you Bernie

Time stamp 06/16/2011 04:19:16 PM

Commentor Name Harold M. Qualkenbush

Commentor County 59

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Orleans

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Dear National Resources Commission,

I have performed a review of your proposed rule's changes, as of, 16 June 2011, and fully support and concur with them as they are now written. I thank you for listening to me and my fellow Hoosiers during your last review and comment period and making the necessary changes that we provided at that time. I commend you for your effort and openness with this process. Once again, thank you.

v/r Harold M. Qualkenbush

Time stamp 06/16/2011 04:57:10 PM

Commentor Name Brian Mann

Commentor County 46

Commentor State IN

Commentor City LaPorte

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I would like to comment on the earn a buck portion of the proposed changes to deer hunting rules. I think that it is a great management tool to increase the number of does in the harvest and I hope that one day earn a buck can be expanded to the entire state.

One thing that I think should be taken into account is that some hunters are doing their part every year and are shooting multiple does. I personally shoot between 5 and 10 does per year with archery gear and most of these are in an urban zone. Once I run out of urban tags I use my archery tag and my bonus county tags.

In my opinion the earn a buck system should be set up similar to how Wisconsin set up there earn a buck system so that if you shoot a doe and earn your buck it should be valid for the following season if a buck is not harvested during the season when you harvested the doe. This would allow people to be able to shoot a buck if it is the first deer that they see for the season and if a hunter was lucky enough to shoot a buck during the same season when they shot the antlerless deer then they may continue hunting to earn a buck for the following season.

Thank you,

Brian Mann

Time stamp 06/16/2011 10:40:57 PM

Commentor Name Melvin H. Brandon

Commentor County 89

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Richmond

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment #1 Eliminate the use of hand guns of any type. While hunting deer.

#2 Eliminate the use of rifles that will fire a cased bullet of any type. While hunting deer.

#3 Eliminate the use of Dogs while hunting deer or in deer season. (Dogs are being used to hunt deer.)

#4 Hunter orange to be used at all times by everyone during hunting season.

Hunter orange should be displayed around all ground blinds.

Time stamp 06/17/2011 08:42:57 AM

Commentor Name john billingsley

Commentor County Out of State

Commentor State IN

Commentor City lawrenceburg

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment GO FOR IT.

Time stamp 06/17/2011 10:07:29 AM

Commentor Name rusty hill

Commentor County 26

Commentor State IN

Commentor City francisco

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment i strongly oppose these new rules.

as a small game hunter(squirrels with dogs), we dont have very many oportunities on public land as it is to hunt without a deer season in.

with this new rule, it would become vitually impossible to hunt on public land anywhere that a deer season wasnt in for the whole season.

PLEASE RECONSIDER!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! thank you

Time stamp 06/17/2011 12:08:11 PM

Commentor Name Phillip T Wilson Jr

Commentor County 15

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Greendale

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment First of all it does not seem as if you want much public input from meetings, with only two meetings showing. A meeting I might add I would like to attend except for the fact the closet one would be a three hour drive one way. I think if you really wanted public interaction you would have given people more of an opportunity to attend. Especially with the gas prices the way they are. As far as the youth season allowing the taking of an antlered deer and all bonus for that county. I find it hard to believe the you are going to be able to moniter that a youth actually shot 5 deer in a two day period without some adult intervention. As for the orange requirement for ground blinds, which only makes me want to discontinue using one and stick to climbing trees, (which is where most accidents occur) and I'm sure will increase if people opt for a tree stand in lew of a blind. As I have not yet purchased a blind with orange on the sides, I suppose people are suppose to buy 4 hats or vest to pin to the sides of thier blinds. While it would be legal for someone wearing a vest to sit behind a natural or burlap blind which covers up the vest from being seen, This change makes no sense to me what so ever. As for season changes, it is rather hard to voice much opinion since I'm not afforded the opportunity to ask questions in reference to why the changes came about or what outcomes the DNR hopes to attain.

Time stamp 06/17/2011 02:04:18 PM

Commentor Name Michael C. Powell

Commentor County 58

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Bear Branch

Commentor Organization Hoosier Tree Dog Alliance

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I am against this proposal for many reasons;

1) This is contrary to the first proposal that was submitted by the task force assigned to come up with a restructuring of the deer season and provide solutions for our alleged over population of deer.

2) Crossbows in the early archery season are not acceptable for as an avid bow hunter.

3) This proposal would enable the DNR to eliminate the closure between firearms deer season and muzzle loading season. This is a week when small game hunter can take to the field without conflict with deer hunters on both public and private properties.

4) This is not based on any biological data and has no end game solution for reducing the deer herd.

Time stamp 06/17/2011 02:06:29 PM

Commentor Name randall r. kiest

Commentor County 53

Commentor State IN

Commentor City bloomington

Commentor Organization blgt. archery club

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I dont see the need to allow crossbows in the early bow season. Any weapon that is fully cocked at all times, put to the shoulder & held for any length of time , & pulling a trigger, should not be considerd bowhunting.

Time stamp 06/17/2011 04:39:53 PM

Commentor Name Randall Helt

Commentor County 3

Commentor State IN

Commentor City columbus

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment small game hunter are being cut short ,cause all the revenue the deer hunter bring to the state.small game hunter are forced to take a chances on there safety and there dog safety when in woods with deer hunter.

Time stamp 06/17/2011 07:30:34 PM

Commentor Name Kevin F. Smith

Commentor County 92

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Churubusco

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Bear, bobcat, buffalo, elk, fisher, marten, mountain lion, otter, wolf, wolverine.

These used to live in the state of Indiana. Man wiped them out due to over-hunting and unsustainable trapping. Indiana's management of wildlife has been historically abysmal.

Be wise with our deer. They are a healthy population at present. Although I support the notion of young people being able to hunt more during their Christmas break, there is already a youth season established. Youth can hunt squirrels, rabbits and other small game during Christmas break or can hunt deer with muzzleloaders.

You cannot create demand for antlerless deer. Those of us who are meat hunters will kill antlerless animals. Most of Indiana's hunters will not.

You can lower the cost of antlerless tags to encourage more antlerless hunting.

Expanding the use of crossbows is unnecessary. Crossbows are suitable as late-season arms and for older or handicapped hunters. However, I support the changes to Urban deer hunting (earn-a-buck) and I like the idea of one continuous archery season. Since relatively few deer would be taken by archers during the break between firearms and muzzleloader seasons, it's perfectly acceptable to give archers that time in the woods.

Those of us who hunt other game with dogs already have a limited time to do so. Please don't limit that time further by creating an antlerless season. There is an exception--those counties which currently allow for 6 or more antlerless tags need to have the herd size limited. Sell antlerless season tags for \$10.

Time stamp 06/17/2011 08:17:41 PM

Commentor Name Eric cox

Commentor County 45

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Munster

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I feel the new proposed rule changes are spot on for the needs of sportsmen and wildlife alike. The license bundle is a great idea instead of having to buy a buck tag every season. Also with the extended bonus antlerless season, sportsman will have additional opportunities to be in the field and reduce the doe population. The only suggestion I would have for the future and hitting the goal of reducing the deer population would be to adopt the earn a buck program. Which mean that a hunter must first harvest an antlerless deer before they are eligible to purchase a buck tag.

-Eric Cox-

Time stamp 06/18/2011 10:13:11 AM

Commentor Name Rodney Stratton

Commentor County 69

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Holton

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment We small game hunters in Indiana have to suffer threw one of the longest deer seasons in the nation now and you want to extend it further? I like to hunt mountain cur squirrel dogs so deer season takes in the best time each fall when the leaves come off the trees to hunt our squirrel dogs. We only get a very small break between shotgun and muzzleloader season now were we don't have to conflict with deer hunters. Please try and remember there are other type of hunters in Indiana beside deer hunters. We buy hunting licenses also and remember many youth hunters cut their teeth on small game before ever trying other types of hunting. Please do not extend any more deer seasons.

Time stamp 06/18/2011 10:49:21 AM

Commentor Name Tammy L Newlin

Commentor County 43

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Silver Lake

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

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- 4) This is not based on any biological data and has no end game solution for reducing the deer herd.

Time stamp 06/18/2011 11:56:11 AM

Commentor Name steve roznowski

Commentor County Out of State

Commentor State IN

Commentor City portage

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment i think extending the urban deer zone date is not a good idea because i hunt public property and that gives guys more time to shoot deer there and check them in as urban. urban should stop oct 1. shortening the gun season is bad for us working guys that hunt public property. thanks. good thing i didnt buy a new gun.

Time stamp 06/18/2011 12:30:34 PM

Commentor Name Timothy Smith

Commentor County 29

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Fishers

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Allow Crossbow through the deer hunting season similar to what the State of Ohio has. This included early bow season.

Time stamp 06/18/2011 05:14:43 PM

Commentor Name Tim Sleeth

Commentor County 43

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Claypool

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment as a small game hunter I feel these changes would be very bad for us we have a hard time now finding time to hunt because of deer seasons and by adding more time to deer season and not extending small game season would be unfair to small game hunters

Time stamp 06/19/2011 09:28:49 AM

Commentor Name Mark Klug

Commentor County 1

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Monroe

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment allowing all hunters to use crossbows in the regular season will put more hunters in the field, this is great. second it will generate more sales in sporting goods and sales taxes. also blaze orange on the outside of ground blinds is fine, my son & daughter and I have put orange hats & flags on our blinds for years it does not affect our deer hunting at all. as far as the use of rifles, I would like to see 30 caliber legalized put limit actions to single shot, bolt action, or lever action 3 shot magazine limit.

Time stamp 06/19/2011 10:56:06 AM

Commentor Name JAMES LEON HIBBS

Commentor County 3

Commentor State IN

Commentor City ELIZABETH TOWN

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment The proposed changes sound really good and right on point as a bow hunter and gun hunter i hunt all seasons. moving the doe season to the end makes much more sense for the hunters looking to fill a empty freezer as i try to do this time of year. so in saying i support this rule change over the first one. thanks for listening to all the comments of each hunter and taking it into prospective and the bundling sounds really nice a win win for idnr and the hunter also i would like to see this become one of the staples in hunting regulations for years to come. for the tag prices have kept me from the field a time or two with processing fees and tags that keep going up and dnr wanting better and greater harvest this will help greatly in this area.

Time stamp 06/19/2011 05:20:26 PM

Commentor Name Anthony S Porter

Commentor County 16

Commentor State IN

Commentor City greensburg

Commentor Organization HTDA, Johnson Co. Houndsmen

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment NOT IN FAVOR of this rule. Hard enough time trying to small game hunt and use treedogs with the deerhunters in the woods, and yes I am a avid deerhunter, deer season is too long as it is.

Time stamp 06/19/2011 06:16:57 PM

Commentor Name Jeff Wiesemann

Commentor County 64

Commentor State IL

Commentor City Valparaiso

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I am for the use of crossbows during the archery season for all hunters. Bundling licenses is a very good idea. I spend a small fortune in game licenses every year.

Time stamp 06/19/2011 06:34:57 PM

Commentor Name Gary Rohrs

Commentor County 92

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Columbia City

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment The proposed changes to the deer hunting regulations are refreshing compared to the prior proposals. The changes provide hunters with new tools which i believe will result in more does being taken without reducing the fun time that some hunters who only hunt during gun season have. I also see the crossbow change bringinhg some hunters back to the woods for bow season. I have already talked to some of my friends who gave up bow because it just got too hard given their age and they plan to get back in the woods with a crossbow. I was considering giving up bow myself as my back and shoulder bother me a lot. With today's modern crossbows with draw assistance, they are easy to use so not strain. The additional firearms week in December is a boon for me. I usually see a lot of does late but not close enough for the bow. I think that change alone will allow me to fill my quota. I sure hope the rules pass this time.

Time stamp 06/19/2011 08:16:06 PM

Commentor Name Allan Miller

Commentor County 32

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Danville

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I support allowing crossbows starting with regular bow season all the way thru the end of deer hunting season. No early firearms seasons before regular gun season.

Time stamp 06/20/2011 01:36:12 PM

Commentor Name CG Epple

Commentor County 26

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Haubstadt

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I feel that your proposed rule changes for the most part are positive and will assist in the management of our State deer herd. The only area of complaint I have is the requirement to have a visible patch of orange on each side of a ground blind. My blind and many of my fellow hunters' blinds are collapsible and it will be VERY difficult to attach something orange to each side. I do not feel that there is a hazard large enough to require this change, especially when the blind is on your own property.

Thank you,

CG Epple

Time stamp 06/20/2011 02:17:50 PM

Commentor Name William D. Herrick

Commentor County 61

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Marshall

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I couldn't tell, but it appears that the former rule allowing landowners of 40 acres or more to not have to purchase hunting licenses has been removed. Is this accurate? Other than this, it appears the changes are good ones. My area of NE Parke county was decimated by EHD 3 years ago and is just now coming back. I'm fairly certain the state doesn't have the funding or the manpower to accurately assess the deer populations by county or by townships. But we don't have a deer "problem" currently.

Time stamp 06/20/2011 02:40:43 PM

Commentor Name Chris Zirkelbach

Commentor County 87

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Chandler

Commentor Organization NA

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I am against the general public using crossbows to hunt during bow season.

I am for a shorter muzzleloader and gun season.

The one buck rule has helped.

IN should consider requiring a doe be taken prior to taking a buck.

Time stamp 06/20/2011 07:01:06 PM

Commentor Name Roger Swalls

Commentor County 83

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Clinton

Commentor Organization 47842

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Offer a cheap deer bundle to everybody. One you could use in all seasons with the correct weapon. Like going from bow to gun to muzzleloader without having to get a separate license for all, as long as the hunter goes by the season rules. (weapon type and harvest limits) We are not the enemy, help us out.

Time stamp 06/20/2011 08:03:17 PM

Commentor Name Thomas Roach

Commentor County 28

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Bloomfield

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I think over all these are good changes, I am REALLY interested in the packaged tags, in most things I support our DNR here in Indiana, but our deer hunting tags are WAY too steep....my point is if we are trying to control the population then we should make tags cheaper, I mean if I hunt archery, shotgun and muzzleloader that alone is 72\$ not counting I hunt small game, fish, turkey hunt and quail/pheasant hunt for a grand total of 128\$ a YEAR too much. I would LOVE to see you bring back the lifetime tag....but I am not holding my breath :). Thanks for your time,

Thomas Roach

Time stamp 06/21/2011 09:51:28 AM

Commentor Name Jeffrey Wiesemann

Commentor County 64

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Valparaiso

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Extending the urban zones throughout Porter and Lake thru Jan.31 seems excessive, but may needed for a couple of years. Taking a antlerless deer first in urban zones may skew the number by non- checkins. This rule should be deleted. There are plenty of extra tags for antlerless deer.

Time stamp 06/21/2011 10:01:39 AM

Commentor Name Daniel Kemper

Commentor County 15

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Moores Hill

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I am in favor of the rule changes.

Time stamp 06/21/2011 01:19:15 PM

Commentor Name Paul Vondrasek

Commentor County 79

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Lafayette

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I applaud the commissions expansion of the use of crossbows and firearms. My concern is in the expansion of 312IAC 9-3-3 Sec 3(d)(4). As a gunsmith, retired police officer and avid sportsman and a certified state of Wyoming Hunter Safety Instructor, I have long been an advocate for expanding the use of rifles in larger calibers for deer hunting. The fact I can use a 45-70, or a 30-30 in a handgun but not in a rifle, even though the rifle is inherently more accurate than a handgun could be, has never made much sense. I know the fear of the extensive travel of a bullet from these rifles is a concern. But, please consider that larger caliber rifles are used in this state for target shooting and other sports and yet we don't hear of incidents where someone has been injured or of property damage. While I'm sure there are some incidents somewhere that have been reported, I'm sure the percentage is much less than occurs from baseballs being hit out of a park or golfballs leaving a course. Thank you for your consideration of these expansions and keep up the good work.

Time stamp 06/21/2011 04:03:02 PM

Commentor Name Conrad Warder, Jr

Commentor County 52

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Peru

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I feel that the rule changes that are being proposed would help the Indiana DNR better regulate the size of our deer herd. The only thing that I would like to see is an earn a buck program in the countys that have large doe herds I feel that this would be a good way to get the hunters to harvest more does. I still have friends that are avid hunters that would not shoot a doe if the where starving. I do feel that the late doe season should help with the doe harvest. Also I like the idea of using a crossbow in all of the archery season.

Time stamp 06/22/2011 02:57:04 AM

Commentor Name Adam Viel

Commentor County 15

Commentor State IN

Commentor City brookville

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I support the new deer hunting rule proposals. Please consider baiting as a new rule since 20+ states allow it. We are allowed to hunt/kill over food plots, corn & soybeans. How is this different than dumping a bag of corn on the ground?

Time stamp 06/22/2011 07:04:10 PM

Commentor Name Matt McLane

Commentor County Out of State

Commentor State WV

Commentor City Kenna

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I oppose this rule change due to the conflict with small game hunters.

This rule change allows no time for small game hunters to be in the woods from Oct. to Jan. without worrying about a conflict with deer hunters.

Time stamp 06/23/2011 05:37:07 AM

Commentor Name Ron Necco

Commentor County 64

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Portage

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I think its great that you are having a bundle package for hunting, glad to see that our input was listened too. I also think that it was important that you specified that all writing needs to be in english, afterall we live in the USA and not a foreign country. Lastly I am glad that it was changed in Lake and Porter counties for urban season to include the entire county, there had been confision in the past and with urban sprawl it has pushed deer into smaller areas causing more accidents, crop and property damage as well as the threat for expansion and creation of diseases that could harm our deer in the state.

I hope all of these amendments are adopted and as a sportsman I appreciate having the opportunity to comment on the front end of the idea/brainstorming stages and comment on the possible adoption of these changes to the rules. Keep up the good work so that my children and thier children can enjoy the same great opportunities that I have today !

Sincerely,

Ron Necco

Portage, IN

Time stamp 06/23/2011 08:35:07 AM

Commentor Name Cameron Wright

Commentor County 49

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Indianapolis

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Bravo folks..... You have listened to the hunters here in Indiana and made correct decisions for all of us, not just the special interest groups. I agree with all the proposed rules changes. I do think that if we are serious about changing the density of our deer herd, we need just 1 more step, Make the same requirment of all hunters as you do with hunters in Urban Zones. I feel that if you want to take an Antlered Buck in Indiana, then you must also take an Antlerless Deer (A Doe). This, with the extra antlerless season, should reduce our whitetail herd to a managable size and density, IMO.

Time stamp 06/23/2011 08:52:24 AM

Commentor Name robert welch

Commentor County 10

Commentor State IN

Commentor City borden

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Please specify what caliber rifle/handgun ammuation is legal to hunT with!
Case length is too confusing. tHANKS.

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Time stamp 06/24/2011 07:41:50 AM

Commentor Name Mark A. West

Commentor County 51

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Shoals

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I like the idea of adding the crossbow to all of the archery seasons, and would be in favor of the shorted Muzzle loader if there is a late doe only any gun in Dec. I do not agree with the proposed shorting of the firearm season. With my work schedule I am only able to hunt the weekends. For the amount of money it cost to hunt the proposed time is to short. I would like to think that if the state is looking to reduce the deer numbers then we should be increasing the opportunities for harvesting deer, not reducing them.

Thank you,

r\Mark

Time stamp 06/24/2011 08:49:41 AM

Commentor Name William H Jacquay

Commentor County 17

Commentor State IN

Commentor City butler

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment i would like to see crossbow added to the early season. i have had two shoulder surgerys and they could not completly repair the tendons in my right shoulder. the doctors will not fill out the handicapped permit because it says totaly disabled.i am not disabled but i can not get a good draw with a regular bow. Im 59 ,ando ive had trouble with a bow for a number of years. Even if you could set an age limit on it. say 55 or 55 that would help older hunters to keep hunting. thanks for your time and effort because i love all hunting and fishing.

Time stamp 06/24/2011 02:37:55 PM

Commentor Name Michael Allen Clapper

Commentor County Out of State

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Anderson

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I don't agree with this rule change.

Time stamp 06/24/2011 10:40:49 PM

Commentor Name Michael Allen Clapper

Commentor County 48

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Anderson

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I do not agree with this rule change. I think it would be best left the way it is.

Time stamp 06/24/2011 10:45:10 PM

Commentor Name Nathan William Hoffman

Commentor County 62

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Magnet

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

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Comment I am against adding crossbows to the early archery season. This will take away from the early archery experience. Crossbows already has it's own season.

Time stamp 06/25/2011 07:40:32 PM

Commentor Name Dustin Bantz

Commentor County 38

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Portland

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I am wondering why we need a special license for crossbows? Seems to me that most people who are going to hunt during archery season will use one type of bow and probably not another, especially if they have to pay for a second license. Not to mention that there is a proposal to offer a license bundle pack that would allow you to use any equipment legal for whatever season you happen to be hunting. The crossbow license seems kinda pointless. There are already so many different seasons/types of licenses, do we really need another category of license to the regular to further muddy the water? I don't think so. I certainly don't think that it will increase license revenue. Obviously that is the DNR's motivation for this license. So why not just add crossbow equipment to the regular archery license?

Time stamp 06/26/2011 06:47:52 AM

Commentor Name robert j. church

Commentor County 32

Commentor State IN

Commentor City clayton

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment why change something that works just fine leave all as is thank you

Time stamp 06/26/2011 08:51:18 AM

Commentor Name Ronald McClain

Commentor County 49

Commentor State IN

Commentor City indianapolis

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Looks good to me.

Time stamp 06/27/2011 05:09:25 AM

Commentor Name Derek Craig

Commentor County 76

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Ashley

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment As a private land bow hunter, any of the proposed changes in this proposal effect my hunting in NO way at all. Nor would they have been effected by the previous proposal. What I see here is that outside groups are influencing decisions that should be made by BIOLOGISTS within IDNR. I honestly no longer care which direction these proposals go, so long as biologists do what is right for the health of our deer herd. Hunters will addapt to the season changes that ultimately be put into place. As a hunter in Indiana who cares for the health of the herd and the long term good of our hunting traditions, all I ask is that IDNR throws the politics and loby interests in the trash and docs what is RIGHT for herd health in the eyes of the biologists.

Time stamp 06/27/2011 05:28:34 AM

Commentor Name Patrick Drangmeister

Commentor County 46

Commentor State IN

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Commentor City LaPorte

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment No to crossbows during regular archery season!!!!!!!

If your doing this to reduce the deer heard, the extra doe season should do that.

Time stamp 06/27/2011 06:14:13 AM

Commentor Name Scott Bond

Commentor County Out of State

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Angola

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I'm affraid that allowing everyone to use a Cross Bow will just lead to a lot of idiots taking 80 yd shots at deer. There's gonna be a lot of wounded animals limping around.

Scott Bond Angola, In

PS Given our county (Steuben), normally leads the state in the number of deer taken, I would think that you could schedule one of your upcoming meetings here or at least in one of the three surrounding counties.

Time stamp 06/27/2011 06:53:21 AM

Commentor Name Daniel J. Shaver

Commentor County 3

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Columbus

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I am glad to see the IDNR still working to control the deer population. The new regulations will help, but may not go far enough to help control the deer populations. An early antlerless shotgun season would be helpful and potentaly an earn a buck program if hunter shoot two does, they can get a second buck permit.

Time stamp 06/27/2011 07:04:16 AM

Commentor Name William Yeager

Commentor County 40

Commentor State IN

Commentor City North Vernon

Commentor Organization NMLRA

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I would like to keep the firearm and Muzzle loader season as is.

I would like to be able to hunt in october with a crossbow.

Thank you

Best afield

Bill yeager

Time stamp 06/27/2011 10:00:16 AM

Commentor Name Thomas Donald Stark 3rd

Commentor County 76

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Angola

Commentor Organization Angola Bassmasters

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

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Comment Please do not change the rule from the way we have it. Almost everyone that i know in steuben county are happy with the way things are,being as we have the most deer I belive that you should listen to us as hunters. Please do not allow crossbows to be used during the regular season, as many of us here in steuben county hunt with archery on private land where other people gun hunt,by allowing just any joe to now archery hunt access to land WILL DIMINISH! The only thing you should change is the one buck rule,try something like MI has with a two buck limit but one must be a certain size.There is no shortage of bucks in steuben county but acess is almost non existant, shooting just one buck does not change that fact.

Time stamp 06/30/2011 06:15:57 PM

Commentor Name Eric Hart

Commentor County 3

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Columbus

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Will the individual firearm deer license allow for a hunter to take one deer of either sex as it was two years ago? Last year the firearm license only allowed a hunter to take an antlered deer and a bonus antlerless license had to be purchased for a doe. I'd like to see the rule change back to the way it was.

Thanks.

Time stamp 07/01/2011 07:50:13 AM

Commentor Name Stev Roe

Commentor County 1

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Decatur

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment i would like to see crossbow season start oct 1

Time stamp 07/01/2011 02:49:02 PM

Commentor Name Jay Cox

Commentor County 19

Commentor State IN

Commentor City huntingburg

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Think that the crossbow is a good addition, wish they could get the shorter gun season to go through or at least move it back one week to take some presure off during middle of rut

Time stamp 07/01/2011 07:11:18 PM

Commentor Name Joe Collins

Commentor County 55

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Martinsville

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I dislike the proposed hunting and trapping season. I would never support reducing the deer herd without knowing an total estimated deer population for Indiana. Ohio DNR gives estimated deer populations on their website. Is Indiana really that far behind scienticially. Deer kills are way too low every year because there is always an unknown number of deer poached. Not every hunter checks in his deer like he is suppose too.

The only way I see around this issue is to think outside the box and try something different that hasn't been done before. That iidea would be reintroduction of ELK into Hoosier National Forest southeast of Lake Monroe. That area contains an 300,000 acre block of forest with 50% of the land in public ownership. Missouri Department of Conservation just reintroduced an elk herd of 34 in 2011 and eventually will add up to 150. They plan on growing a herd of elk to 500 animals and eating the herd at the 500 level on 300,000 acres. West Virginia is reintroducing elk next

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year plus they already have between 100-150 elk that have migrated from the kentucky herd. Virginia is also allowing and elk herd to migrate over from kentucky and they have around 50-100 elk in their state. Tennessee, Michigan, Arkansas, Wisconsin, Michigan, North Carolina, and Pennsylvania all have self sustaining elk herds. All the herds are less than 1000 elk except for Kentucky (11,000 elk) and those states with less than 1000 elk manage them through a lottery system.

In conclusion, Reintroduce Elk to Indiana! Elk are native to Indiana! Most states in the east have jumped on board and decided the benefits of elk outweigh the negatives. More tourism, more hunting, more money for state and local governments!

Time stamp 07/03/2011 08:30:04 AM

Commentor Name Herdis Roger Miller

Commentor County 82

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Evansville

Commentor Organization In college I was GDI haven't changed

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Count this as 2 strongly in favor of the new rule changes. I speak for both me and my wife who is also an accomplished deer hunter.

We are both over 65 and have enjoyed hunting with the crossbow in ky for a number of years. In our home state we do not qualify for a permit and have to wait for the late season to enjoy our sport. Looking at KY telecheck they killed 1521 deer last year with crossbow, if that number is going to destroy Indiana's deer herd we better re-think our entire deer management system. As a retired public school administrator the DNR gets and F if they don't pass these reforms.

Time stamp 07/03/2011 03:36:53 PM

Commentor Name Edward Happe

Commentor County 82

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Evansville

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I agree with all rule changes. I wish we could have a late muzzleloader season, say going on until 1/31 ?? Just a thought. Thanks for making Indiana a great state to hunt deer in. Keep up the good work.

Ed Happe

Time stamp 07/03/2011 07:58:58 PM

Commentor Name travis lucas

Commentor County 88

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Pekin,

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Hi, as a 20 plus year indiana hunter, I feel my input should be counted on rule changes. In my opinion if you want to control herd #s, the only way to do this effectively is to make doe tags dirt cheap, and ramp up deer meat donation locations. Make it cheap and easy to donate meat and more people will do it. I am completely against having an early doe only gun season, as an avid bowhunter, this will ruin the archery season just when its getting good, and overall #s will suffer, as a lot of mature bucks will go nocturnal. I like crossbows for people with disabilities, and for late archery, but not for early archery season as it will add more people in the woods during early season, and I know this is your goal, but let them flood the woods after thanksgiving, that is still plenty of time. The tag bundle is a great idea, as long as it is affordable, what I mean is if you are saying it will be cheaper than buying each individual tag, it will still be too expensive, as most of us can get by with only buying a couple of tags [archery and gun, usually, if I hunt after gun I will simply use my bow instead of a muzzleloader] The real problem is the tags are too expensive. make them cheaper and we will buy more. Thank you for your time and I hope my input will be helpful and utilized, however I will say if you only consider one thing, let it be no early gun doe season. TRAVIS LUCAS

Time stamp 07/03/2011 08:10:15 PM

Commentor Name lawrence j liptow

Commentor County 48

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Anderson Ind 46012-3812

Commentor Organization Self

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment It sounds like a desperate move on the states part to make the changes it is proposing. The set up that the State of Indiana all ready has in place has worked fine for a number of years. Now, all of a sudden changes have to be made. By reducing the herd, or trying to reduce it as the DNR wants to. The Coyote population in Indiana is at an all time high, in turn they reduce the deer herd as they take the fawns in their first few months of life. Lets wait at least one more year to see if hunter, or coyote, reduce the herd to a manageable proportion. Getting the youth involved in the hunting sport is a very good thing for all concerned, but lets be very careful about how we go about the reduction of the deer in our state. leave the politics out of the new rule planned changes...RVT4G

Time stamp 07/05/2011 10:01:12 AM

Commentor Name Nathan Monroe

Commentor County 53

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Bloomington

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I think the rule would really help Indiana. We need more hunters as the populations of deer is too high. Combined licenses and expanded crossbow hunting will encourage new hunters to get outside and take more interest in the local environment.

Time stamp 07/05/2011 11:02:42 AM

Commentor Name kurt w wolfe

Commentor County 57

Commentor State IN

Commentor City columbia city

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I HAVE PERSONALLY SEEN WHAT THE UNLIMITED HARVEST OF DOES HAS DONE TO THE DEER HERDS IN NORTHERN WISCONSIN AND THE NORTHERN LOWER PART OF MICHIGAN. I AM PERSONALLY OPPOSED TO THE UNLIMITED KILLING OF DOES TO APPEASE THE INSURANCE INDUSTRY. THE CONTINUOUS RISE IN LICENSE FEES, FIREARMS AND THE COST OF AMMUNITION HAS MADE THE NUMBER OF HUNTERS DECLINE, THUS THE EXCESS OF DEER.

Time stamp 07/05/2011 12:43:15 PM

Commentor Name Bud Dismang

Commentor County 10

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Jeffersonville

Commentor Organization none

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Question? Concerning crossbow license for handicap or disabled users who have a special permit for crossbow. I did not see any information concerning how the new proposed regulations would effect those who have special permits. Can you tell me how the new regulations would effect those with special permits for crossbow?

Time stamp 07/06/2011 10:05:41 AM

Commentor Name michael e jones

Commentor County 26

Commentor State IN

Commentor City princeton

Commentor Organization none

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment i think this is a great it means more hunters and money goes in to natural resources and hunting ed. it also gives a lot of peoples a chance to hunt young peoples to. you guys are doing a great job. i pray that it pass so i can use my crossbow this year... thank you.....

Time stamp 07/06/2011 12:55:35 PM

Commentor Name Robert Fosler

Commentor County 75

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Hamlet

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I think the requilment of hunter orange on ground blinds will cause more blinds to be taken .now people will see them making them easy to steal at night just my thoughts

Time stamp 07/07/2011 10:21:19 AM

Commentor Name Russell A Mann

Commentor County 25

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Rochester

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Definition shown for a ground blind says "manufactured" . Does this mean I can build a blind out of plywood and the rule doesn't cover that? How about if I build a "hide" out of branches from local trees? I'm still hiding my hunter orange. What if it's just a blow down that I hiding in? I think the present wording is going to create a lot of confusion in hunter's minds and make it difficult for law enforcement to enforce. I really question whether a law is needed at all. Have there been any deaths or injuries to people hidden in a blind? Why are we supposed to have 144 sq orange on each side. Present law provides a hat or cap to be sufficient to cover the blaze orange requirement if I'm standing in the middle of an open field. I doubt that a cap has more than 72 sq inches total and not all of that is visible from any one direction. What do I do with the 7 pop up blinds that I presently own? Must I throw them out? Do I have to put orange handkerchiefs on each side only when I'm in the blind, or does it need to have orange on it while it stands empty? Secing as I only use my blinds on private property, who will see the orange panels that I now have to pin on, making holes in a brand new blind? What is my liability if the wind blows one off while I'm inside? Sorry to sound like such a whiner, but, as a former warden in the State of Wisconsin, I know what a pain un-enforcible laws are to people in law enforcement. If this law has to be pushed through, it should only apply on public lands.

Time stamp 07/07/2011 11:21:10 AM

Commentor Name Aaron Armstrong

Commentor County 87

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Boonville

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment The license system is confusing; please to not add more licenses. Add stamps or option certificates or something that can be built ONTO the license rather than holding multiple licenses simultaneously.

A better option would be to have one license sold to an individual that allows that person to hunt small game, options or stamps could be purchased to increase the hunting opportunities-

A. Deer Archery - including all (no special Cross Bow) legal archery equipment.

B. Deer Firearm-including all legal firearms

C. Deer Muzzleloader-including legal muzzleloaders

D. Turkey

E. Furbearer Trapping

F. Bonus Deer tags usable in any legal method (firearm, bow, and muzzleloader) when and where bonus deer are allowed.

I remember when hunting license's where worth collecting, growing up in Maryland the license itself was plain but the stamps added to the back (waterfowl, deer, ect.) made it a work of art.

Hunter should be required to have their license on their person, back tag-I know I think like an Easterner.

Extend Archery Season September 1 through Dec 31. Blaze orange require when any firearm season overlaps.

Ground blinds should have blaze orange on them.

Time stamp 07/07/2011 06:49:56 PM

Commentor Name Keith Allen

Commentor County 49

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Commentor State IN
Commentor City Indianapolis
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment i agree with all new proposals
Time stamp 07/07/2011 07:00:11 PM

Commentor Name Christopher A Carver Jr.
Commentor County 26
Commentor State IN
Commentor City owensville
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment I concur with these amendments and think they will be a great benefit for all hunters
Time stamp 07/07/2011 07:49:38 PM

Commentor Name Bruce Borggren
Commentor County 45
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Lowell
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment As a senior citizen I would like using crossbows in the early season.
Thank you.
Bruce Borggren
Time stamp 07/08/2011 06:38:26 AM

Commentor Name Ken Sheets
Commentor County 44
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Wolcottville
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment I completely agree with the rule changes. I've never hunted during archery season, but I plan on purchasing a crossbow this year because of the proposed rule change. The deer herd in northeast Indiana is too large and is a safety and crop damage issue. Thank you, and please do not buckle under the pressure from trophy buck hunters speaking against these rules.
Thank you,
Ken Sheets
Time stamp 07/08/2011 09:33:51 AM

Commentor Name Ryan VanGessel
Commentor County 17
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Corunna
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment i would love to see crossbow lgalized for all archery season. I work 50-60 hours a week and don't have time to shoot my regular bow.
Good rule change.
Time stamp 07/09/2011 06:54:12 AM

Commentor Name Ivan E. Smith
Commentor County 19
Commentor State IN

Commentor City Dubois
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment I would like to see these changes take place. I am for ALL the new rules. I would definitely like to see Crossbow allowed for the Whole Archery Season.
Time stamp 07/11/2011 05:54:16 AM

Commentor Name Clarence Williams
Commentor County 87
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Newburgh
Commentor Organization Hunting Indiana
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment Michigan Crossbow success....

In 2009 with only a partial inclusion of crossbows the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment said, " 57,000 hunters used crossbows to hunt deer and 24,900 deer were killed with crossbows. That translated to an increased archery harvest of 10.5 percent statewide and 19 percent in southern Michigan where crossbows were allowed during all archery deer seasons.

Then in the 2010 Michigan deer season another huge increase - "About 90,615 hunters used a crossbow during the archery season, and they harvested about 38,310 deer with the crossbow."

Sec - <http://decr.fw.msu.edu/docs/2010DeerHarvestSurveyReport.pdf>

Indiana can do the same.

CHW
Time stamp 07/11/2011 03:29:44 PM

Commentor Name Michael Paul Meyer
Commentor County 43
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Warsaw
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment I think the ability to use a crossbow during archery season in its entirety is a great idea. -Mike Meyer
Time stamp 07/11/2011 06:17:55 PM

Commentor Name Andy CORDONNIER
Commentor County 78
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Markland
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment I am for legalizing crossbows. My son 12 and dad 72 both can use a crossbow to hunt deer where a regular bow is much harder for them to use. I have hunted in Ohio with a crossbow and a regular bow in Indiana and like both. I think it will allow hunters to take more does and keep the population down.

Also -The blaze orange rule for ground blind versus tower blind is confusing. Does a tower stand with the floor 7' off the ground have to have the blaze orange all the way around it?

Time stamp 07/11/2011 07:09:50 PM

Commentor Name Bradley J Lillpop

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Commentor County 31

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Corydon

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment The current proposed rule plan looks good! I would like to see some safety precautions taken during the crossbow season. Do to the lack of movement by hunter "not pulling bow back", I think the crossbow tag holders should wear hunter orange. There will be a lot more people in the woods, so lets be safe! This may cut back on extra trespassing on private ground also.

Thanks

Bradley

Time stamp 07/12/2011 03:47:57 PM

Commentor Name Bobby Bockover Jr.

Commentor County 16

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Westport

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment my wife would like to go deerhunting with me using a crossbow she dose not like to use a regular bow or gun

Time stamp 07/13/2011 03:17:09 PM

Commentor Name Bona Glass

Commentor County 27

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Marion

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Crossbows are more a gun than a bow and should remain legal to use during the gun season only. This issue is all about the money and not about what is best for the people and wildlife of Indiana. Why don't you people get some horns and stand up for what is right!

Time stamp 07/13/2011 04:14:51 PM

Commentor Name william garner

Commentor County 49

Commentor State IN

Commentor City indianapolis

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I agree with the proposal to make one dear archery season instead of a split one. It's my opinion that crossbows should defininely be allowed the entire archery season

Time stamp 07/14/2011 07:25:49 AM

Commentor Name Kenny Chambers

Commentor County 47

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Bedford

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I do not feel like cross bows should be allowed in the same season with other archery equipment. Crossbows are more like a gun rather than archery.

Time stamp 07/14/2011 08:29:27 AM

Commentor Name Tim Honeycutt

Commentor County Out of State

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Springville

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Crossbows should have their own season. They are more gun like than archery.

Putting cross bows in with standard archery equipment over crowds public land and in turn can cause more accidents with a crossbow being gun like.

No crossbows in archery season. They should have their own season!

Time stamp 07/14/2011 08:37:40 AM

Commentor Name ron sizemore

Commentor County 18

Commentor State IN

Commentor City muncie

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment hello,well i would like to comment on the license fees ... i hunt or was hunting in all 3 deer seasons plus buying a fishing license and then sometimes buying stamps and another hunting license. but now i cant do that im retired now on a set income and have trouble walking but i love the outdoors. so i had to quite fishing goose and duck hunting and rabbit hunting because i cant afford all the license anymore. its just cost to much..i love to do all that and be active but i cant afford to...i missed out on the lifetime license was my fault i guess..but i was wondering if there was some way that older people could get a better deal of some kind in one package...or maybe something for the rest of there life that could here with being able to fish and hunt. thanks alot for your time.....

Time stamp 07/14/2011 12:47:11 PM

Commentor Name Randy Bolinger

Commentor County 29

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Noblesville

Commentor Organization Hamilton County Fish & Game

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment While I am a current board member of Hamilton County Fish & Game, I am responding on my own behalf as a lifelong IN resident and hunter.

I am absolutely AGAINST bringing crossbows into the early archery season.

Crossbows, despite the name, have more in common with firearms than archery gear. They are not hand-drawn. They are not held at draw by the hunter. They are not drawn in the presence of deer. These distinctions are critical to understanding who will use them and the effect they will have on the early archery season and the hunters that currently hunt it.

I can take anyone of my sons or anyone for that matter and have them proficient with a crossbow in a day. Conversely, it takes months or even years to become truly proficient with a long or compound bow. This fact alone encourages folks to pick up a crossbow and 'invade' the early archery season without the preparation, discipline, and respect it deserves.

I strongly suspect the addition of crossbow hunters into the early archery season will drive the deer nocturnal much earlier in the season and ultimately reduce the harvest via traditional archery tackle.

Lastly, even Pope & Young recognize crossbow are NOT bows and do not accept entries taken with one....pretty much sums it up.

Regards,

Randy Bolinger

Time stamp 07/14/2011 12:55:02 PM

Commentor Name Justin T. Schneider

Commentor County 49

Commentor State IN
Commentor City Indianapolis
Commentor Organization Indiana Farm Bureau, Inc.
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment July 13, 2011

Natural Resources Commission
Indiana Government Center North
100 North Senate Ave., Room N501
Indianapolis, IN 46204

RE: LSA Document # 11-101, Proposed Regulations on Deer Hunting

On behalf of the members of Indiana Farm Bureau, Inc. (IFB), we wish to thank the staff at DNR as well as the members and staff of the Natural Resource Commission for their efforts in drafting amendments to the deer hunting regulations. We recognize that this issue has garnered a great amount of attention and that numerous views and opinions on the varied provisions of the rules exist. We are grateful that both DNR and the NRC have been responsive to the needs of the impacted citizens. That being said, we hope that this rule can be finalized quickly because it is important that the size of the deer herd comes under control before it becomes so large that it can no longer be managed.

IFB is the largest general farm organization in Indiana, representing nearly 80,000 individuals and families who earn their livelihood from agriculture. We also maintain an affiliation with Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance, which was started in 1934 by our members so that farmers would have access to insurance.

As an organization with interests in agriculture and insurance, we are concerned about the size of the deer herd in Indiana and the resulting damage caused by the number of deer present in particular areas of the state. Our members are concerned about loss of crops to deer and the economic damage that they suffer. There is a concern that car/deer collisions are high, leading to greater insurance costs and problems caused by accidents. Our members recognize the ecological value of deer, but know that too many deer can lead to destruction of the very environment in which they live. Finally, our members respect the heritage of hunting, and the opportunity it brings to unite family and friends. This is critically important to us because of the large numbers of hunters who are our members.

The policy which has been developed by our members through the grassroots policy development process addresses the hunting issue from the point of wildlife control because of damage that deer cause. Thus, our comments will focus on the importance of the recommended changes to reduce the overall size of the deer herd.

In general, our policy supports "expanded hunting season and limits for deer," including a focus on does. Indiana Farm Bureau, Inc. policy § 501.11, Predators and Wildlife Control. Our policy also supports setting "population limits within habitat limits to prevent damage to crops..." IFB policy § 501.11. Finally, our policy recommends that DNR consider economic losses from vehicle collisions and crop revenue when defining what constitutes a satisfactory deer population." IFB policy § 501.11

Based upon anecdotal evidence from farmers related to crop damage, as well as on information related to the deer harvest and the total number of deer in the state, it would appear that the size of the deer herd needs to be reduced to a level that is more conducive to long term stability rather than growth. Further, it is our understanding that current harvest numbers are not large enough to keep the current deer herd in check. We also acknowledge that the deer herd is not uniformly distributed around the state, and that some counties may not suffer from the same issues with damage caused by deer.

Overall, we believe that the proposal from DNR should increase the amount of deer taken. Specifically, the added week for taking antlerless deer provides greater opportunity to reduce the size of the deer herd in those counties where it has been determined that the herd size needs to be reduced. Additionally, the decision to allow crossbows to be used, as well as the bundle for licenses, should provide opportunities for additional hunters to have access to the woods and harvest additional deer.

Looking forward, we would urge DNR and the NRC to commit to a review of the results of the adoption of these rules within five years after they go into effect. While we hope and believe that there will be a significant increase in the number of deer taken, we also recognize that based on the best available data, the size of the deer herd is increasing. If the enactment of this proposal does not increase the size of the deer harvest enough to control the growth of the deer herd, we would urge the DNR and NRC to consider alternatives such as eliminating the bag limits for does in select counties.

In conjunction with this proposal, it is crucial that hunters have the access to hunting venues they need to be able to harvest deer. We are committed to working with our members to ensure that access is widely available. We also are educating our members to encourage hunters to harvest does rather than focusing on just harvesting bucks.

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Once again, Indiana Farm Bureau thanks DNR and the NRC for its efforts on the adoption of amendments to the rules with respect to the harvest of deer and we urge the adoption of the proposed rule. Questions with respect to these comments can be addressed to the undersigned at jschneider@infarmbureau.org.

Respectfully submitted,

Justin T. Schneider
Staff Attorney
Time stamp 07/14/2011 01:35:58 PM

Commentor Name Rob Walton
Commentor County 19
Commentor State IN
Commentor City huntingburg
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment A crossbow has nothing to do with archery. Crossbows should not be included in the archery season.
Time stamp 07/14/2011 01:56:01 PM

Commentor Name Danny Rowan
Commentor County Out of State
Commentor State HI
Commentor City Hagatna
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment Crossbows do not belong in any archery season, they belong in rifle season, come on they have a stock, trigger and scope. Not archery in any sense of the word. This is a bad idea only fueled by money which you want.
Time stamp 07/14/2011 03:32:15 PM

Commentor Name Brandon Scott
Commentor County 47
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Bedford
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment I believe that hunters should be able to use a crossbow during early and late archery seasons. This would be good for hunting, and boost the "want" of people to get out there a hunt.
Time stamp 07/14/2011 09:44:55 PM

Commentor Name ERIC DIRIG
Commentor County 57
Commentor State IN
Commentor City CHURUBUSCO
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment These changes make good sense! My 16 year old daughter could crossbow hunt outside of youth season and not just hunt gun season. Many states have opened up to crossbow and what they found is that the sky didn't fall like all the anti crossbow guys say it will. Allowing more people to take part in harvesting deer over a longer time period, instead of previous suggested 2 or 3 day doe bananza with guns during early bow season, just makes better sense. Do yourselves and the state a favor and pass these amendments.
Time stamp 07/15/2011 06:56:58 AM

Commentor Name David Sawyer

Commentor County 82

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Evansville

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I'm writing in support of the new regulations in general and specifically the extension of the allowable rifle cartridge to 1.8" under 312 IAC 9-3-3. The existing rules allow the use of the 500 S&W cartridge, so it's logical the smaller diameter but slightly longer 460 S&W cartridge should also be allowed.

David Sawyer

Time stamp 07/15/2011 07:29:10 AM

Commentor Name David Wood

Commentor County 74

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Lamar

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I think you should be able to use crossbows for all of the archery season. And have only one archery season starting oct. 1st going till the end of Jan. the following calendar year. Then to reduce the herd numbers you should have to take a doe and show proof of taking a doe with a tag from the check stations. With upon getting that tag you are now eligible to receive your buck tag for the year no matter what season your hunting. With alot of deer hunters only hunting shotgun season. You should make it one permit to receive the two tags for the whole season no matter what you hunt with weather it be with a bow, crossbow, or gun. With paying for the permit that gets you the chance to take 2 does or 1 doe and 1 buck but you have to take the doe first to get your buck tag from the check in station after checking the doe.. Thanks for your time and I hope to see things change for this up coming deer season...

Time stamp 07/15/2011 07:48:25 AM

Commentor Name Randy J. Shaffer

Commentor County Out of State

Commentor State PA

Commentor City Spring Grove

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I am very supportive of the proposed rule changes for deer hunting. With the new bundle, I could purchase reasonably priced antlerless tags thus allowing me to be more selective in filling my buck tag. Also, if this bundle is valid for the various seasons, I'd make the 10 hour trip to Indiana from PA several times throughout the hunting season to take advantage of archery, rifle, and muzzleloader - spending more money on food, gas, and boarding vs. only coming up for 3 days in rifle. I'd spend 2 weeks minimum hunting Indiana for sure to fill 3 reasonably priced tags and wait for that 18" 8 point vs. waxing that 1.5 year old 6 point on Saturday morning. I hope the proposed changes pass; as it stands now, Ohio is more attractive for non-resident hunting dollars. Thanks for the opportunity to comment. Randy J. Shaffer

Time stamp 07/15/2011 05:43:53 PM

Commentor Name Jack E Norris III

Commentor County 26

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Fort Branch

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I do not believe that you should be able to use a crossbow during the archery season. A bow is a specialty weapon that requires an extra skill to use. The crossbow is too much like a firearm. Anyone that can pull it back can shoot it just like a firearm. I also think that you should not be allowed to take an antlered deer during the special youth season. The youth season is to get young people out hunting not to get them trophy hunting. Also there will be a lot of people taking their kids with them and shooting the bucks themselves and that isn't right.

Time stamp 07/15/2011 08:12:49 PM

Commentor Name Clarence Williams

Commentor County 87

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Newburgh

Commentor Organization Hunting Indiana

Commentor Email Email Commentor

Comment Some of the anti-crossbow input that the NRC will be receiving is coming from information on the anti-crossbow North American Bowhunter Coalition website. They are quoting some Georgia and Tennessee bowhunter numbers that they say shows a drop in the number of archery hunters after inclusion of crossbows. They are saying that real bowhunters are "quitting is disgust". What they are not posting is the true extended years numbers and are leaving out explanatory information on why there was an initial drop in bowhunter tags SALES - not bowhunter numbers.

TENNESSEE -

The anti-crossbow North American Bowhunter Coalition stated – "In the state of Tennessee, adding crossbows to the archery season has resulted in reduced license sales, recreation hours and revenue."

Not true....

I've talked to Daryl Ratajczak, the Big Game Coordinator at the Tennessee WRA and he told me that the reason there was a drop in archery tags sales the first year of crossbow implementation there was because there was a 35% increase in tag prices the same year. Anyone in any DNR can tell you that any time there is a tag increase, sales will suffer the next few years. He said that the North American Bowhunter Coalition was using his numbers off of his PowerPoint presentation and it clearly said on the bottom of that slide there was a 35% increase in all deer tag prices and that was the reason for tags sales slump, not the introduction of crossbows. He said all tags sales went down, but the archery percent drop was less than the other methods. The North American Bowhunter Coalition didn't want to reveal that because it would take away their argument.

Daryl also said that "crossbows have been a "non-issue" in Tennessee. So much for "quitting in disgust".

Brenda Griggs (Administrative Service Director of the Tennessee WRA) - "Tennessee also has several lifetime and permanent license types, and these, so I understand, make up the majority of the bow hunters. These types cover archery, muzzle loader and big game gun supplemental licenses. Customers who purchase the lifetime and permanent licenses generally are serious sportsmen.

Our license increase was effective in April, 2005; there was about a 23% surge in sales in lifetime licenses between Feb 18, the beginning of our new license year and April 9, the date the new fees took effect. We experienced about a 30% decline in sales the next year. Sales began to rebound in following years, and this year has been exceptional given the current economic climate."

Not quite the picture that the anti-crossbowers are painting, is it?

GEORGIA -

The anti-crossbow North American Bowhunter Coalition stated – " In 2002 the Georgia archery season was changed to an archery and crossbow season. After an initial surge in 2003 - 2004, license sales have declined steadily to levels below those when it was an archery-only season".

What the North American Bowhunter Coalition will not reveal is that Georgia had a change in license structure in 2005.

I contacted John Bowers of the GADNR and he sent me the following – "Archery hunter numbers seemed to decline between 2005-2007; however, we believe archery hunter estimates were under represented because our license year had changed in the prior years from a set license year (April 1-March 31) to a 12 months from date of purchase license year. Prior to that time period, we average about 95,000 archery hunters.

It took us about two years to adjust our statistical sampling procedures in response to the changed license year so that we could capture all archery hunters who had a valid license during the archery deer season. This is reflected in the 2007-2008 season when archery hunters increased to about 94,000. Thus, we believe that actual archery hunter numbers were in the low 90,000s during the 2005-2007 seasons.

There is absolutely no evidence or anything in our experience that indicates a significant reduction in our archery hunters numbers because "real bowhunters are quitting in disgust".

It is very important to note that there was NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGE in the number of archery hunters the season before the crossbow change (96,721) and the season after the change had taken place (96,723). After that is when we had problems determining the number of hunters holding

a valid license in any one season as a result of administrative license changes. There are two changes that confounded our process for estimating archery hunters. We went from a set license year to a 365-day from date of purchase year and we eliminated the required archery license. As a result, during the 2004-2007 hunting seasons, we were most likely significantly underestimating archery hunter numbers.

2007-2008

93,703 hunters hunted with archery equipment (archery equipment includes, crossbows, compound bows and traditional bows)

Archery hunters harvested 34,019 deer

2008-2009

91,234 hunters hunted with archery equipment (archery equipment includes, crossbows, compound bows and traditional bows)

Archery hunters harvested 42,880 deer

2009 – 2010

107,792 hunters hunted with archery equipment (archery equipment includes, crossbows, compound bows and traditional bows)

Archery hunters harvested 57,974 deer

The archery kill numbers keep going up and up....

I asked John Bowers if they had compiled the deer harvest data for the 2010-2011 season and he sent back – “Not yet, but harvest estimates are going to be similar or higher than the previous season.”

The North American Bowhunter Coalition “data” that is being used by anti-crossbow people is only telling giving half of the story – the half that bolsters their stance.

Crossbow inclusion has been a success story in all states that have approved their use.

MICHIGAN –

Look to our Northern neighbor Michigan to see that success in action. The allowance of crossbows in their archery seasons reversed a decade long decline in bowhunter numbers. Their bowhunter numbers dropped from 380,583 in 1998 to 285,508 in 2008 for a loss of 95,075 hunters. In just two years of crossbows that decline has stopped and Michigan has gained back 21,178 hunters.

During the 2010 archery season about 90,600 hunters used a crossbow, and they harvested about 38,000 deer with the crossbow.

That is truly a hunting, hunter recruitment, game management and revenue source success story for Michigan.

Thanks,

CHW

NEWBURGH, IN

Time stamp 07/17/2011 01:31:40 PM

Commentor Name Paul McFeaters

Commentor County 51

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Loogootee

Commentor Organization none

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I support all proposed amendments, particularly the one allowing the use of crossbows in archery season.

Time stamp 07/18/2011 06:01:37 AM

Commentor Name Warner W Freese

Commentor County Out of State

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Covington

Commentor Organization hunter, land owner,

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Congatulations!! Good job at listening and adapting to our requestes on the original proposal. I do not formally represent rural hunters, but I do think that I represent their feelings. Good Hunting, Warner

Time stamp 07/18/2011 09:03:18 AM

Commentor Name kristopher d geyer

Commentor County 35

Commentor State IN

Commentor City huntington

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I believe this is a good rule package and should be passed. The new license bundle and allowing crossbow should have been done long ago.

Time stamp 07/18/2011 01:34:42 PM

Commentor Name Mark Fink

Commentor County 32

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Pittsboro

Commentor Organization N/A

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I would like to comment on the proposed Deer rule changes that were announced in January 2011.

Definition of a crossbow – I support this change as stated.

Definition of a ground blind – I support this change as stated.

New nonresident youth license types – I support this addition as stated, lets give the youth as much opportunity as possible.

License requirements for new special antlerless season – I support this addition as stated.

New deer license bundle for the youth, archery, firearms, muzzleloader and special antlerless seasons – I support and graciously welcome this addition. I hope that the cost of this tag will allow us hunters to realize a savings over the current costs of multiple tags.

New crossbow license – I support this new license as stated.

New urban deer license –I am neutral on this issue. My reasoning is that as I understand it, you are trying to reduce the deer herds and especially in urban areas and this license is adding additional costs to your main objective. I believe if you would just allow hunters to utilize their standard archery licenses you would stand to get more participation in the urban deer zones.

Hunter orange for youth hunters during special youth and new antlerless seasons – I support this as stated. Practicing safety is paramount.

Hunter orange requirement for ground blinds – I support this as stated. Again, practicing safety is of utmost importance.

Owners name & address on ground blinds – I support this change as stated.

Crossbow inclusion for archery seasons by any hunter – I support this change as proposed. I believe based on what I have read about other states that have like laws concerning crossbows that this is a good addition. It will help with hunter recruitment, help retain aging hunters and increase

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harvest during archery seasons.

Crossbow inclusion for the urban deer zone – I support this change as proposed. Again this will help recruit and retain hunters.

Increasing the rifle cartridge maximum case length to 1.8 inches – I support this change as stated. I believe in the future you should consider allowing some of the medium range, classic deer calibers such as the 35 Remington, 30-30 Winchester and the 45-70 to name a few.

Allowing youth hunters to take the county permitted number of antlerless deer during the special youth seasons – I support this change as stated. I see no reason to limit our youth.

Changes archery season to a single season running from Oct 1st thru first Sunday in January of following year – I support this change as stated.

Extend the urban deer season thru January 31st of the following year – I support this change as stated.

Requires hunters to take one antlerless deer before being allowed to take an antlered deer – I am neutral on this change. If special urban licenses were not required I would be more inclined to support this change. With both a special license and “earn a buck” type restrictions in place I feel like you are placing too much restriction on the areas that you most want to reduce the herd in. Also, if reduction is the point, why limit a hunters first opportunity to harvest a deer just because it is a buck.

Expansion of urban deer zones in Lake & Porter counties – I support this change as stated.

Add a special antlerless only season from Dec 26th thru first Sunday in January of the following year – I support this change as stated.

In closing I would like to say that I do not believe that the entire state of Indiana has an overabundance of deer, more like isolated pockets that are the problems driving the need for herd reduction. I hope that with these new changes in place to reduce the herd that you, our deer management professionals, will keep a vigilant watch on the condition of the herd and not allow it to dip so low that our hunting and outdoor recreation suffers because of it. I would like to challenge you to find ways to increase access for hunters in the problem areas. I firmly believe that hunter access is the number one obstacle to helping reduce the deer populations in these problem areas.

Thanks for hearing my thoughts on these very important issues.

Best Regards,

Mark Fink

Hendricks County

Pittsboro, IN

Time stamp 07/18/2011 06:17:50 PM

Commentor Name gary william darnell

Commentor County 17

Commentor State IN

Commentor City coronna

Commentor Organization none

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I oppose the special antlerless season(12/26/2011-01/01/2012) and the Jan. 31 closing date of the urban archery hunt. I liked Proposal 1. I spend extra time removing trespassers during long gun seasons. And we like to spend time in the woods hiking and not having to worry about getting shot. Deer hunting seasons are too long in Proposal 2. I've had the privledge of eating venison 2-3 times a week 6-7 months out of every year for a long time. I hope that I get to continue that privledge. Thanks, Gary Darnell

Time stamp 07/19/2011 01:01:33 PM

Commentor Name Stanley Keller

Commentor County 55

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Martinsville

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Indiana does not need a cross bow season. Crossbows are more dangerous. Keep crossbows in late season only. Our gun season is too long. We need to develop a game management like ilinois and ohio.

Indianas one buck rule is not working because gun our season is over 4 weeks long. I hunted Illinois last two seasons. Quality of deer is 100%

better than Indiana. Illinois still has a great deer harvest during their short gun season. Give Indiana a game management plan like Illinois and see what happens. Why is it that a majority of Illinois hunters want a shorter gun season like they currently have and Indiana residents want a longer gun season? Try a game management plan like Illinois and see what happens. Again Indiana does not need 4 weeks of gun hunting and crossbows in our Indiana woods.

Time stamp 07/20/2011 04:59:42 AM

Commentor Name Daniel Grimme

Commentor County 89

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Richmond

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I think that adding a crossbow season is a great idea to help with dealing with the deer population. It gives more options for hunters to spend time in the great outdoors and more people a chance to harvest food for their freezers. You will have more people buying deer licenses than normal because this would give another option for people to go hunting. Some only go during firearm season because they are unable to pull back a bow and arrow at the state issued min. draw weight. Another good reason to open the season up is that the income off the sale of licenses will help out the DNR with additional monies to make improvements to State Parks and Fisheries. Also the money from the sales tax on each crossbow, bolt, broadhead, scope and cocking mechanism will help our state with money for other projects. I wish that this rule would have been accepted during the 2011 hunting season but I will be glad if it is accepted for the 2012 season.

Time stamp 07/20/2011 01:07:49 PM

Commentor Name Ronald E Name

Commentor County 5

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Hartford City

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I agree with all of the changes and please make them all apply this hunting season 2011-2012

Time stamp 07/20/2011 03:56:04 PM

Commentor Name Neal Austin

Commentor County 79

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Lafayette

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I am personally all for the crossbow rules. It is long overdue for the crossbow to be more accepted as a viable deer hunting tool. As to the ground blind rule, I am not in favor of the orange requirements. As an avid ground blind user, I have found that ground blinds in general are safer to hunt from than tree stands. If I fall out of my chair in my blind, I might scare off the deer. It has also been my experience that ground blinds are safer to hunt from when still wearing the proper orange clothing. Being closer to eye level while sitting in a blind, it is easier for someone to pick up the contrasting colors and avoid shooting in that direction. I have been told to just get some orange duct tape and put on my blind. The problem with that is, if it falls off in the field would a CO or DNR officer take my word that I really did have it on there? Probably not.

Time stamp 07/20/2011 04:33:43 PM

Commentor Name Allen Pursell

Commentor County 31

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Lanesville

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Deer are to be managed for the benefit of ALL the people of Indiana, not just hunters. As a deer hunter myself I believe we are at a point in time when it is important to reduce the population of deer in this state. The cost of their overabundance to agriculture, landscaping, auto insurance, and human health through accidents and parasite load is no longer tolerable. I hope the pure self interest of some hunters to demand

more and more deer will no longer be found to be acceptable. I fully support the proposed changes to the deer rules.
Time stamp 07/20/2011 05:55:02 PM

Commentor Name Brian Abbott
Commentor County 52
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Peru
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment My name is Brian Abbott. I am a lifetime license holder in Indiana since 2001. I enjoy hunting and I am glad that there are some changes in the progress of being made. I agree with the idea of reducing a small part of the deer population, but one issue I find with this is that hunters are trying to do what they can. Bag limits can be raised and seasons added or extended, but this will provide little to no help in the reduction process if hunters are not afforded the opportunity to hunt many properties. I have seen many fields containing 100-300 deer herds in north central and southern Indiana. When contacting the land owners about possibly hunting these fields or parcels of wooded land, the most common reply is "No, I don't allow hunting and they haven't done anything to me". Another answer I receive is "No, I used to let people hunt, but there were too many people trying to trespass and conflicts with that so I don't even mess with it". The biggest picture I also see is that wounded game that is not being allowed to be retrieved. Fair chase should allow the hunter to be able to retrieve wounded or down game (possibly with escort by law enforcement) instead of being told "no". Thank you for your time with my concerns.

Time stamp 07/20/2011 08:53:57 PM

Commentor Name Lester G. Barto
Commentor County 50
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Argos
Commentor Organization citizen
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I like the idea of a antlerless deer season at the end of Decmber and going into January, but think it should be a full two week season. If it started on December 26 and ran two weeks it would have two week-ends. If it ends on the first Sunday in January it would have only one week-end some years.

Time stamp 07/21/2011 04:07:10 AM

Commentor Name MIKE COAKLEY
Commentor County 84
Commentor State IN
Commentor City TERRE HAUTE
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment BEING OVER AGE 65 & NOT AS STRONG AS I WAS YEARS AGO, THE IDEA OF A CROSSBOW IS VERY EXCITING....THIS WOULD ALLOW ME TO GET BACK INTO EARLY DEER SEASON....I HOPE IT PASSES

IT ONLY 2 1/2 MONTHS TILL ARCHERY SEASON, WHEN WILL THE PUBLIC/ HUNTER BE INFORMED OF THESE IMPORTANT CHANGES???

Time stamp 07/21/2011 06:46:15 AM

Commentor Name Michael Dirig
Commentor County 44
Commentor State IN
Commentor City LaGrange
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I agree with the proposed changes

Time stamp 07/21/2011 07:25:45 AM

Commentor Name michael k spencer

Commentor County 67

Commentor State IN

Commentor City indianapolis

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I do think you will get a lot more hunters in the woods with crossbow since with a scope and trigger requires very little practice or knowledge. I think it will really hurt the bow hunting for those of us who compound bow hunt who have spent time developing our skill. If you increase the number of hunters in the woods in october with a weapon with fairly limited range you will put the deer on full alert for hunting pressure before gun season when most deer are taken. I believe most of your bow hunters now truly love hunting and also gun hunt and harvest a lot of deer; if you spoil our hunting by opening the bow season up for anyone who can afford a crossbow then you stand to run off a lot of hunters who are taking a lot of deer who will get tired of traffic in the woods. If you need more deer harvested then gun season is where changes need made whatever that might be with longer season or earn a buck or whatever you come up with. Please don't ruin bow season! atleast give regular bow hunters a few weeks headstart before opening the woods up to all gunhunters who decide to buy a crossbow.

Time stamp 07/21/2011 08:03:55 AM

Commentor Name Jim Street

Commentor County 22

Commentor State IN

Commentor City New Albany

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I support the second proposal and hope it passes. I wish the nrc and dnr would consider making the gun tags either sex instead of buck only but I understand that isn't part of the current proposal.

Time stamp 07/21/2011 09:17:23 PM

Commentor Name James Leeper

Commentor County 43

Commentor State IN

Commentor City WARSAW

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I think you have made a good attempt at pleasing as many people as possible with the latest revisions to the deer hunting regulations. We have to remember the young people and get them into hunting. Leaving the firearms season for 2 full weeks with 3 weekends for working dads and school kids is very important. The crossbow issue needed to be addressed and is also a good thing.

Time stamp 07/22/2011 05:35:32 AM

Commentor Name Robert J Porter

Commentor County 19

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Celestine

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment It is time for Indiana to treat crossbows like compounds. I have bow hunted Indiana since the early 1960s and can remember how compounds were demonized when they were developed. All they did was bring many new hunters to the sport. I believe crossbows will do the same thing. We are losing our hunter base at an alarming rate and need to recruit more citizens to our sport.

I am 70 years old and can still use my compound but have no problem with sharing the deer season with a fellow hunter of any age who wishes to use a crossbow.

I have no idea of how many years I have left to enjoy the great sport of bowhunting but I do know there are many approaching my age bracket that will be leaving the sport. Where will our replacements come from?

It seems to me that those who oppose the crossbow are only looking out for their own selfish interests.

Time stamp 07/22/2011 07:09:01 AM

Commentor Name William Mancuso

Commentor County 67

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Reelsville

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I support the use of cross bows....I can use as I have a medical exemption There is no difference in fact it's one shot and done with cross bows..I took a doe last year during early archery and i had one shot @ 35 yads any fruther and I wouldn't have taken the shot. Responsible and humane taking of game is more important than the use cross bows. I hunt on my property and the doe buck ratio is out of control 10 or more does to every buck I see on my cameras so the deer population is out of control and maybe you need to tak a doe before you get the buck

Time stamp 07/22/2011 07:16:17 AM

Commentor Name jason stone

Commentor County 71

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Granger

Commentor Organization average hunter

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I am fully in favor of the proposed cahnges.

In addition, I would like to see "medium-power" rounds like the 30/30 made legal. These rounds are already surpassed in performance by other Indiana-legal rounds based on WSSM cases and even the standard 308 case.

Time stamp 07/22/2011 08:05:39 AM

Commentor Name Joel Nute

Commentor County 18

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Muncie

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I am 100% against crossbows being allowed during archery season. It is too much like a firearm and it will lead to having to wear hunter orange during archery - which I feel would be a very bad thing.

Time stamp 07/22/2011 08:09:02 AM

Commentor Name Joseph W. Nute

Commentor County Out of State

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Muncie

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I would like to see the crossbow made legal to hunt with in the early season.

I believe this would draw MORE hunters into the sport. It would help reduce the deer heard, which I have read is getting very large. Which is a good thing, but too much of a good thing can be bad.

Time stamp 07/22/2011 08:52:12 AM

Commentor Name Max D. Elmore

Commentor County 34

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Kokomo

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Adopting some of the new rules seems ok to me. I just wonder why the push for nonresident youth hunting license?

Time stamp 07/22/2011 09:16:38 AM

Commentor Name Charles Tislow

Commentor County 77

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Carlisle

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Sounds good. Don't personally like the crossbow in archery season but will learn to live with it.

Time stamp 07/22/2011 10:14:16 AM

Commentor Name Bruce Berner

Commentor County 49

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Indianapolis

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I think the new rules proposal makes much more sense than the old one and I am very much in favor of it. If the goal is to effectively manage the herd in Indiana, adding the extra bonus antlerless days is a great way to do it. I am primarily a meat hunter and this will fill my needs, and hopefully my freezer, very well. The use of a crossbow in all seasons also is appealing. As I age, my shoulder is not what it use to be. Thank you for your consideration of this.

Time stamp 07/22/2011 11:15:11 AM

Commentor Name Holly Royer

Commentor County 12

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Rossville

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment NO CROSSBOWS IN EARLY ARCHERY SEASON.

Time stamp 07/22/2011 12:57:11 PM

Commentor Name Tommy Smith

Commentor County 32

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Pittsboro

Commentor Organization IBA

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I am completely against the use of crossbows in the bow season. These are not a bow by definition. The goal of reducing the deer herd by this method is completely with out merit. The crossbow will only shift the kill to another catagory not increase the harvest. Hunters can only eat so many deer. I think the only way to reduce the herd is to inhance and expand the donation of deer through organization like PFFH and creating other avenues to donate . I know other states and urban areas are successful with this stratagy.

Time stamp 07/22/2011 01:13:29 PM

Commentor Name Anthony Walters

Commentor County Out of State

Commentor State AL

Commentor City Plainfield

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I support the reule changes; however, I do think that an ammendment should state that these policies will be studied and reviewed every two years and allow for hunter input on how the new regulations are working. I also think crossbow use should be restricted to ground hunting only to take away the advantage over traditional compound bows.

Time stamp 07/22/2011 01:25:31 PM

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Commentor Name daniel martin

Commentor County 29

Commentor State IN

Commentor City sheridan

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment 2 concerns with proposed changes: 1. hunter orange on a ground blind- not necessary and a burden.

2. crossbow should not open early with early archery. Let it run concurrent with gun and then maybe with the new late Dec season.

Thank you,

DM

Time stamp 07/22/2011 01:55:02 PM

Commentor Name John K. Haendiges

Commentor County 31

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Ramsey

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I approve of this rule proposal as written, it addresses some issues that needed oversight, and improved the choices available to all hunters in Indiana.

Time stamp 07/22/2011 08:35:47 PM

Commentor Name Rick Clough

Commentor County 23

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Newtown

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Gentlemen,

I am all for this and anything that increases our opportunities afield. With todays hectic lifestyles, including multi-sport kids, any extra time allowed is VERY WELCOME! Keep up the good work! And thanks for allowing the input! Rick Clough

Time stamp 07/23/2011 03:25:20 AM

Commentor Name Tony Ray Lail

Commentor County Out of State

Commentor State NC

Commentor City Vale

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I strongly disagree with allowing crossbows into archery season...a bow is a hand held, hand drawn device, a cross"bow" is a cocked and locked device held and shot like a gun.....they do not belong in any archery season.....statistics show in every case that where they are introduced , harvest for the first year or two goes up dramatically and herd balance is threatened.....as for the disabled argument, is the state going to provide EVERY doctor in your state a hand held, hand drawn bow to determine if and why someone cannot hunt under the current archery regulations ? Please reconsider ,and let the biologist ,and not the lobbyist or big money crossgun manufacturerers, decide this important issue. Thank you.

Time stamp 07/23/2011 05:50:35 AM

Commentor Name Jeremy M. Dillow

Commentor County 41

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Franklin

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment As a hunter I feel allowing crossbows for any hunter other than handicap or disabled should not be allowed. I feel crossbows take

away from the true meaning of bow hunting and what all is involved in bow hunting. I feel its pretty much just a rifle being used, there's no skill really needed with this equipment. If crossbows are going to be used by any hunter than I feel the license for these should be at a high rate. Again I personally feel allowing crossbows by any hunter will invite the gun toting shoot at anything that moves individual into the woods during a time where I really do alot of my hunting because I don't have to deal with those type of idiots as much. Whatever is worked out I'm just thankful we get to hunt in a land that God has created for us and hope Indiana will continue to keep as much of our forest as we can so we can continue to enjoy the passions of hunting!

Time stamp 07/23/2011 09:38:18 AM

Commentor Name Gregory M Myers

Commentor County 55

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Martinsville

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I would like to convey my thoughts on two issues: 1) December doe hunt 2.) Crossbow in early archery season. The November doe season to me is pointless based on the fact that we already have one called late muzzleloader season. As for the crossbow proposal this issue has been proposed before by certain politicians under suggestion by by lobiest paid for by crossbow manufacturers. I feel true bowhunters deserve their own season, at least through the month of October. This season should not be comprimised by politics and the need for crossbow manufacturers to sell their products in Indiana. Perhaps this is not true but recently I noticed Walmart is now stocking crossbows. Thank you for your time in reading this.

Respectfully , Gregory M Myers

Time stamp 07/23/2011 01:51:05 PM

Commentor Name Donald Lawson

Commentor County Out of State

Commentor State OK

Commentor City Coweta

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Just a thought from an out of state Deer hunter on the regulations you're considering. I would love to spend my money in Indiana to hunt Deer rather than continue through your fine state to hunt Ohio. You see, I have a bad shoulder and I shoot a crossbow. I can use a crossbow in Ohio during the regular Archery season.

On my way through Indiana to Ohio, I see many places I'd love to hunt. If you adopt regulations favoring crossbow hunters, both residential and non-residents, I for one would be the first in line to buy out of state hunting license and deer tags!

Time stamp 07/23/2011 06:37:11 PM

Commentor Name James Street

Commentor County 22

Commentor State IN

Commentor City New Albany

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I support the second proposal.

Time stamp 07/24/2011 08:28:42 AM

Commentor Name Jill A Meyer

Commentor County 78

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Vevay

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I am very excited about having the opportunity to hunt with a crossbow durign early archary season. I am not a fan of cold weather, so

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I am happy to be able to use the crossbow when the temps are milder and I don't need so many layers. I am in favor of the current proposal
Time stamp 07/24/2011 03:24:16 PM

Commentor Name Mark R Meyer
Commentor County 89
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Milton
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment I am in favor of the current proposed regulation changes to the deer season in Indiana
Time stamp 07/24/2011 03:27:40 PM

Commentor Name Greg Hopper
Commentor County 32
Commentor State IN
Commentor City plainfield
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment I am for the second proposal, this seems to be the most "social" way to reduce the Deer herd in problem area's.
Time stamp 07/24/2011 05:30:30 PM

Commentor Name Andrea Borucki
Commentor County 6
Commentor State IN
Commentor City sheridan
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment I am completely opposed to every part of the second deer rules proposal as you approved.
Time stamp 07/24/2011 05:57:56 PM

Commentor Name john Rose
Commentor County 2
Commentor State IN
Commentor City fort wayne
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment The deer herd is fine. Don't change the seasons at all. I hunt great land 5 miles east of Pokagon. I can go 5-6 hunts without seeing a deer. Don't make it worse. Thanks John
Time stamp 07/25/2011 03:28:39 AM

Commentor Name Daniel C. Bidwell
Commentor County 57
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Avilla
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)
Comment Sirs,

I am against any changes to the current deer hunting regulations.

Crossbows do not belong in early archery season. They have a stock and a scope. They are fully loaded and use a trigger. They are accurate out to 100 yards and belong in gun season. You might as well legalize all high power rifles, the woods wouldn't be any less safe.

Noble County where I live is not overrun with deer. In thirty days of deer hunting I saw only eight deer and all the corn was picked.

If anything needs to be done, the late archery season should be extended thru the end of January. Thank you for considering my views.

Sincerely,

Daniel C. Bidwell

Time stamp 07/25/2011 05:48:54 AM

Commentor Name Robert

Commentor County Out of State

Commentor State WI

Commentor City Monticello

Commentor Organization N/A

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I've had a disabled crossbow permit in Wisconsin for 8 years now. After 8 years in a row of crossbow hunting I can easily say a crossbow is no different than any other bow & arrow. I say this from first hand experience. If I didn't have to use a crossbow I wouldn't but I'm glad I got to find out they are not the evil, wicked weapon that some archers would have you think. It's just another form of archery, plain and simple. A crossbow is a bow & arrow.

All kinds of new and old hunters alike will come into your bow season by making crossbows legal for everyone. The only folks who would lose in this situation are the people who haven't been honest to begin with.

Please, consider making crossbows legal for all during your regular archery season.

Robert Stout

608-938-1268

Time stamp 07/25/2011 06:06:00 AM

Commentor Name Robert V. Hinton Jr

Commentor County 82

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Evansville

Commentor Organization Right To Bear Arms LLC

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment In regards to the use of Crossbows during Archery season, there is a need for this as many older hunters may not have a true disability but have lost the strength to pull a Bow back this would leave them the opportunity to still hunt during the bow season. The fact that Crossbows effective ranges are really only inside 60yds there is not a big difference there either. Also we are needing to harvest more deer and create more opportunity for hunters this would make things easier and get more hunters involved. There would more than likely be less wounded and wasted deer with the crossbow as they take less skill and practice to shoot. Will this go into effect 2011 or 2012 if would be passed?

Thanks!!

Bob Hinton

Right To Bear Arms LLC

Time stamp 07/25/2011 10:32:34 AM

Commentor Name Max Palmer

Commentor County 89

Commentor State IN

Commentor City fountain city

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Allowing crossbow would be great for me and many others like me who are not able to pull and hold a compound bow confidently,,, because of old age aches and pains.

Time stamp 07/25/2011 12:31:23 PM

Commentor Name Joseph F. Merchant

Commentor County 26

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Oakland City

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment In reference to Sec. 2.7.6 , "Ground Blind" definition.

The way the present derfinition is written it implies the intent of the blind to be to hide hunter orange. The intent of a blind is to conceal the hunter and, therefore, only the first portion of your definition needs to be used.

"Ground Blind" means a manufactured product that is used to completely conceal a hunter.

The use of the last portion is incorrect.

Thank you.

Time stamp 07/26/2011 08:08:47 AM

Commentor Name Randall J. Burns

Commentor County 24

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Akron

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I am against the requirement to use one foot square of orange on all sides of a ground blind. It puts too much of a burden on those already owning multiple blinds and will put a damper on that industry. I am aware of only a few units that are available for purchase.

The proposed change defeats the purpose of a blind which is to make a hunter blend into the surroundings. The purpose is not to hide a hunter's orange. I continue to wear my orange while in the blind and it is visible through the openings to alert anyone approaching.

Further, the definition of ground blind needs some help! It does not mention setting on the ground. I hope you do not intend to include those elevated 10-20 feet in the air. Use of the word "manufactured" leaves too much for interpretation of pen wielding CO's. Does mean and industrial product? Does it mean assemble by me? Or can it even mean stretching a camo cloth in front of me to "manufacture" a blind.

I know of no one being shot out of a blind. If we have had such incidents, say five or more, then we should seriously think about changes. But we all know there are risks involved with going afield with a gun and I see no reason why the overwhelming majority of cautious hunters should be penalized.

Time stamp 07/26/2011 10:58:08 AM

Commentor Name Kip Adams

Commentor County Out of State

Commentor State PA

Commentor City Knoxville

Commentor Organization Quality Deer Management Association

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment On behalf of the Quality Deer Management Association (QDMA) I am writing to provide input on the proposed deer-hunting rule changes. The QDMA is an international nonprofit wildlife conservation organization dedicated to ensuring the future of white-tailed deer, wildlife habitat and our hunting heritage. The QDMA has nearly 50,000 members including more than 2,500 of the nation's leading wildlife and forestry professionals. As such, QDMA is widely regarded as the most respected whitetail conservation organization in the U.S.

Wildlife is important to Indiana's societal and economic well being. According to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, over 2.6 million people spent over \$2.2 billion on wildlife-related recreation in Indiana in 2006 (the last time a national survey was conducted). Specifically, Indiana's 272,000 hunters (16 years and older) spent 4.8 million days afield and over \$223 million on their favorite pastime. The National Shooting Sports Foundation reports hunters contributed over \$436 million to Indiana's economy, supported over 5,000 jobs, and provided over \$30 million to local and state taxes in 2006. These figures clearly highlight the importance of wildlife to Indiana.

Indiana's deer herd impacts a multitude of other species. Fortunately, Indiana's deer management program has many positive features. We support balancing the deer herd with the habitat. A balanced herd is good for deer and other wildlife species, habitat, and Indiana's citizenry. We also support protecting young bucks to allow for a complete male age structure in the deer population. Several of the proposed changes should

help achieve these goals. Therefore, we support:

1) Proposed changes to general requirements and licenses including the new licenses and license requirements with regard to youths, the new antlerless season, crossbows and urban zones. These changes should help enhance hunter recruitment and retention, increase harvest pressure on antlerless deer in specific areas where it is needed (while not increasing pressure in areas where it is unnecessary), and improve Indiana's overall deer management program.

2) We also support changes to hunting equipment including crossbow use, special youth regulations, and specific antlerless harvest regulations.

We recognize issues specific to crossbow use will be controversial. The QDMA's stance on management proposals is determined on a case-by-case basis by assessing the most-likely impact of the proposed changes on the deer management program. Therefore, we view crossbow proposals on their merit to the overall program rather than on whether they should be allowed in specific seasons or by specific hunters. In this case, there were two proposed changes to allow the use of crossbows during archery season by any hunter, and allow the use of crossbows by any hunter in an urban deer zone during the urban deer season.

Both of these items should improve Indiana's deer management program and opportunity for Indiana's sportsmen and women. Therefore, we support the changes.

Indiana has a successful deer management program as evidenced by their high ranking in QDMA's 2010 Whitetail Report (pg. 5 <http://qdma.com/wp-content/uploads/2010/01/WhitetailReport2010.pdf>). Progressive programs are always evolving to changing environmental and cultural conditions. The majority of the proposed changes would keep the deer management program in step with current conditions and help further improve the health of the deer herd and hunting opportunities for Indiana's sportsmen and women. Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your commitment to Indiana's natural resources.

Respectfully,

Kip Adams
Certified Wildlife Biologist
Northern Director of Education & Outreach
Time stamp 07/26/2011 12:19:08 PM

Commentor Name james mullins
Commentor County Out of State
Commentor State IN
Commentor City canaan
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment my feelings on the crossbow proposal is that they SHOULD NOT be included in early archery, they have a season already and its only greed and the thought of getting hunters to buy one more license, is why its even considered, what a shame a tradition will go down the drane if this passes and i know i won't look forward to a new season like i have in the past.

any able bodied person can take the time and effort and use a regular bow and have great success if they just try, we shouldn't try and make everything so easy that one will take it for granted, like most things these days, somethings should be sacred, and protected.

if crossbows are included in the early season it should only be for the older hunters and the youth (till they are unable to apply for the youth lic.) but able bodied people should not be included.

Time stamp 07/26/2011 05:39:37 PM

Commentor Name Lindsay Schmeltz
Commentor County 61
Commentor State IN
Commentor City Kingman
Commentor Organization
Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I am absolutely in favor of all of the proposed changes. Notably the continuous archery season, and the combination tag at the reduced price.

Time stamp 07/26/2011 06:13:50 PM

Commentor Name Shirley Renee Mullins

Commentor County 39

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Canaan

Commentor Organization Indiana Sportswomen

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I have enjoyed being an Indiana sportswoman for the past 17 years. My then boyfriend (now husband) introduced me to deer hunting. Which weapon did he start me out with do you think? It was not a gun, nor a crossbow! It was a compound bow. Months of practice, learning to draw and hold the bow, knowing the right moment to release the arrow, learning the art of patience and timing, perfecting my follow thru, all while anxiously awaiting October 1st to arrive. So I could go into the woods and harvest a deer, proving to myself that I (a girl!) could hunt! Hunt without having to worry about the local yahoos that carry guns and shoot at any movement in the woods, or shoot across hundreds of yards of fields, or overcrowd the woods and disturb the silence that is early archery season. I knew everyone in the woods with me during early archery season would be on a level playing field. That made bowhunting early season perfect for me. In the near future that might not be the case. You are wanting to add crossbows to early archery season and I totally disagree with that! That is the same as opening the woods to every hunter with a gun, high powered rifle, or machine gun. It will not be the same woods! The woods where I would feel comfortable taking my 4 year old niece, so that she can learn a love of hunting and the outdoors, will not be as safe as before. Crossbows already have a season, they DO NOT need to be included with EARLY ARCHERY. Leave early archery season alone, so that the woods remain a peaceful and safer place for everyone.

Sincerely,

Shirley Renee Mullins

Time stamp 07/26/2011 06:17:48 PM

Commentor Name John P Green

Commentor County 66

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Winamac

Commentor Organization NRA, NAHC

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Having been unable to draw a bow for several years and not disabled I find it very disturbing that I am unable to pursue my favorite sport of archery deer hunting. Therefore I fully support the changes to our deer regulations and especially the crossbow license which would enable me to once again hunt deer with archery equipment.

I realize there are people out there that do not recognize crossbows as archery equipment but I say go shoot a crossbow and you will find that it really is in the realm of archery and does not live up to the reputation many give to it.

Respectfully,

John Green

Time stamp 07/27/2011 05:54:51 AM

Commentor Name Heath D. Williams

Commentor County 40

Commentor State IN

Commentor City North Vernon

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I very much hope that the new crossbow rule passes. I have always wanted to hunt deer with a crossbow but have never bought one because I do not see a lot of deer (in bow range) in late archery season. To be able to hunt deer with a crossbow in early archery would make a big difference in this regard.

Time stamp 07/27/2011 07:01:20 AM

Commentor Name Josh Beck

Commentor County 32

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Plainfield

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment I fully support the Deer Amendment proposal.

Time stamp 07/27/2011 08:31:59 AM

Commentor Name Dale Brandt

Commentor County 24

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Brookville

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

Comment Hello! I am writing you in regards to the possibilities of changes to the deer hunting rules. I cannot in good faith say I agree or like the deer hunting seasons that we are allotted at this time. I believe there are better options that will be economically sound and a better option as to marketing Indiana to non-resident hunters. I believe we need to manage our herd responsibly and I have yet to see that. I believe politics and special interest groups have made there mark in our states deer hunting regulations that have made our herds growth and expansion to increase popularity in Indiana tourism from non-resident hunters in a negative manner. If we would emulate many of our neighboring states in harvesting mature whitetail bucks in our state. I have hunted numerous other states and have seen hotels booked solid from October till christmas. I also believe season changes will allow for less stress and man hours which in the end will be more cost effective for the state.

- 1.) Deer Archery season begins 9-15 of current year
- 2.) Deer muzzleloader antlerless season for designated counties be the second weekend in October
- 3.) Youth hunt third weekend of October
- 4.) Deer gun season begins saturday following Thanksgiving thru Monday for a three day season.
- 5.) The second gun season begins the following Friday, saturday and sunday of the first gun season.
- 6.) Muzzloader season will be for four days between Christmas and NewYears.
- 7.) A antlerless season will be the second weekend in January for three days. This hunt will conclude the deer hunting season for that calendar year.
- 8.) Archery season would end on January 7th of the following calendar year.

In respect to deprivation tags, they will be eliminated. This practice has gone on unsupervised and managed poorly. These animals that were are being harvested are not being reported correctly and the land owners are not harvesting animals as the programs was designed and reported. In accordance with information obtained from the IDNR over 80% of the deer harvested each year are harvested on the first three days of firearms season and those numbers alone speak volumes as to why these seasons need to change.

I am sure at these public hearings you were all subjected to many ideas and numerous forms of reasoning however if we as a state are to compete with the top producing whitetail states in harvesting record book bucks and in attracting the millions of dollars in non-resident hunters. Change is not always welcome however it is something that must be looked at and achieved.

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Commentor Name Brent Haley

Commentor County 53

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Bloomington

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email [Email Commentor](#)

AGENDA ITEM #13 (EXHIBIT B)

Comment Crossbows do not give an archer any real advantage of harvesting a deer than a traditional bow does and therefore they should be a legal hunting tool for ALL of archery season. I know for a fact that allowing the use of a crossbow will bring in new hunters. My fiancé, a woman, does not enjoy shooting a traditional bow and even if she did, she's simply not strong enough to pull back a bow with a pull weight high enough to harvest a deer. She's a very tiny and thin woman who should be allowed to use a crossbow to hunt with. I believe the main drive behind keeping crossbows out of all the archery season, including the rut, is to keep more hunters out of the woods and the deer harvest numbers lower so that the bucks can grow to a trophy size. There are certain organizations focused on selfishness and are doing everything in their power to rob Indiana tax payers/sportsman of their right to hunt with an ethical and safe hunting tool. This needs to stop!

Time stamp 07/27/2011 02:34:58 PM

Commentor Name Emma Turpin

Commentor County 33

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Shirley

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email Email Commentor

Comment I do not want the full use of crossbow for entire season. I would think that allowing it for first 3 weeks or starting it same date as gun season would be a good compromise. Leave a portion of archery for true archers.

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Commentor Name josh bramell

Commentor County 33

Commentor State IN

Commentor City shirley

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email Email Commentor

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Time stamp 07/27/2011 04:13:02 PM

Commentor Name megan bramell

Commentor County 33

Commentor State IN

Commentor City shirley

Commentor Organization

Commentor Email Email Commentor

Comment I do NOT want crossbows allowed during archery season leave them in late season. If u want to help indians deer herd move the gun season back out of the rut and allow a early antlerless season with a gun and let the gun only hunters that keep crying have the same amount of days to fill their freezer but just not during the rut. Why dont we take a look at the states around us and use them as examples!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Time stamp 07/27/2011 04:21:54 PM

Commentor Name Steven E Johnson

Commentor County 33

Commentor State IN

Commentor City Spiceland

Commentor Organization

Commentor	Email	Email	Commentor
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Comment i OPPOSE the use of crossbows in deer hunting. i live in a heavy hunted area and can't imagine why they should even think of using crossbows.

Time stamp 07/27/2011 07:04:27 PM

Commentor Name George

Commentor County 36

Commentor State IN

AGENDA ITEM #13 (EXHIBIT B)

Commentor City Brownstown

Commentor Organization

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Comment This rule should not be passed, crossbows allowed throughout deer season will ruin archery season and will not solve any deer over population problems

Time stamp 07/27/2011 08:19:47 PM

7/20/11

Lester G. Barto
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Argos, IN 46501
374-223-5841

Natural Resources Commission
Indiana Government Center North
100 North Senate Ave, Room N501
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Subject: change in deer hunting rules

I support the idea of a antlerless only deer season starting on December 26, but think it should run a full two weeks. That would give two week-ends and would be the same length each year.

I would also like you to consider something else. Allow the use of center fire rifles using regular rifle calibers for deer hunting. I know what you are now thinking, "OMG this guy is nuts, we can't do that". That is the normal knee-jerk reaction to that idea. But the facts don't back up the idea that rifle hunting is more dangerous to hunters or non-hunters than shotgun or muzzle loader hunting is. If that were ever true it ended when round patched balls and Foster slugs gave way to sabot bullets which made muzzle loaders and shotguns the same as .30-30 and .30-06 rifles. You also now allow center fire single shot pistols chambered for those very cartridges, so the difference is nil. If you really want antlerless deer to be harvested you need to generate some interest in doing it; allowing rifle hunting would do that. There would be restrictions. Allow center fire rifle only during this antlerless season, only on private property, and only by the property owner or his guest having written permission to hunt on his property with a rifle (this would be good for farmers with deer causing crop damage). Since it is a antlerless season no one would be shooting bucks with center fire deer rifles. You could ban the use of varmint cartridges and semi automatic rifles (even though semi automatic shotguns are legal). I do wish you would consider this. If you want to get the deer numbers down this will generate the interest that it will take to do it.

Sincerely,

Lester G. Barto
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Westfield, IN

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July 21, 2011

Dear Sir or Madam:

Here are the hand written names, addresses and signatures of 745 people who are angrily opposed to the implementation of any part of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources' and Indiana Natural Resources Commission's second set of deer rules.

These signatures were gathered by www.protectindianaoutdoorsports.com. PIOS is a group of hunters, non-hunters, landowners and conservationists who formed to give politically unconnected Hoosiers a voice in outdoor sports related issues.

The signatures here are copies. The originals will be held by members of PIOS, and can be produced at anyone's request.

We assume since the NRC used the results of an email poll as a vote to discard the first set of deer rules, these verifiable signatures will be considered in the vote on the second set of deer rules.

Most specifically, the signatories of this petition are very opposed to the addition of days to Indiana's already longest gun season in the Midwest and the expansion of crossbows beyond where they are already allowed. Unlike other special interest groups in this debate, we are not asking for anything except that deer season be left exactly as it is currently set.

Because the NRC did not announce they would stop taking public comment on July 27 until June, our petitions had a deadline of October 1, 2011. The 745 here represent only the petitions received to date. Inevitably, we will receive many more until the original deadline passes.

Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Respectfully,



Don Mulligan
www.protectindianaoutdoorsports.com Spokesperson

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4. Josh Cline	9755 E Sunset Ln Rockville	Josh Cline
5. Nic Jukes	6421 N. Pinewood St Terre Haute	Nic Jukes
6. Shawn Donnenhoffer	5720 E. Hawthorne Ave. Terre Haute	Shawn Donnenhoffer
7. Jeffrey E. Wilson	2090 S. Coxville Rd. Montezuma, IN	Jeffrey E. Wilson
8. Adam Wilson	2090 S. Coxville Rd. Montezuma, IN	Adam Wilson
9. Peg Greiner	900 E Davis Dr Terre Haute, IN	Peg Greiner
10. Brandon Sutherlin	1006 Ave D Greencastle, IN 46135	Brandon Sutherlin
11. Christen Allen	P.O. Box 193 Veederburg, IN 47987	Christen Allen
12. SCOTT ANGRIM	2 LAKEVIEW	Scott Angim
13.	VADOKIA IN 46383	
14. Michael Heals	2909 Washington Ave 47803	Michael Heals
15. Adrian Smith	14802 S 7th Ave Clinton	Adrian Smith
16. Doug Moody	4126 E. Co. Rd. 500 N. Centerville	Doug Moody
17. David Backfish	1710 North Co. rd. 250 Centerville	David Backfish
18. Kyle Bender	15380 N Cooper Chapel Rd Marshall	Kyle Bender
19. Tim Escott	9770 N. Co. Rd 200 E. Brazil IN	Tim Escott
20. JEREMY WILKINS	19992 N. 2250th St DENVER, IL	Jeremy Wilkins
21. Derek Campbell	10189 N. CR 750 E. Shelbyville, IN	Derek Campbell
22. Amy Campbell	10189 N CR 750 E Shelbyville, IN	Amy Campbell
23. Bryan A. Fry	5485 1st Dogwood Ln	Bryan A. Fry
24. Joyce Berger	P.O. Box 42 Terre Haute	Joyce Berger
25. Phil Del	P.O. Box 308 W. Va. AD 7200	Phil Del

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2. Bryan Blankenship	1113 Commercial Circle, Lewisburg, IN	Bryan Blankenship
3. Dusty Wickens	3450 W. South Pond Rd. Attica, IN	Dusty Wickens
4. James B Hale III	6267 E 700th WALELAND IN	James B Hale III
5. Bobby Phillips	4020 S. 530 E. Kingman, IN	Bobby Phillips
6. Steve Rider	7911 N. 100W W. LAFALETTE, IN	Steve Rider
7. Ryan Plunkett	1353 E 1000S Kingman	Ryan Plunkett
8. Glenn Smith	2629 S. SR 75 Jamestown	Glenn Smith
9. Ty A. Smith	478 Cornerstone Ave. Seymour, IN	Ty A. Smith
10. Tommy Smith	10755 N 27 SE PITTSBURG, IN	Tommy Smith
11. Michael Mycroft	87530 S. 600 W. Crawfordville, IN	Michael Mycroft
12. Brett Alexander	1003 Jefferson St. Connersville	Brett Alexander
13. Kory High	120 Deer Run Circle Connersville, IN	Kory High
14. Aaron Palin	2650 E 300th Vanderburgh	Aaron Palin
15. Bruce Wesley	1466 N. Cammeron St. Attica, IN	Bruce Wesley
16. Muel Audmire	3210 W. Independence. P.O. Rd. Attica, IN	Muel Audmire
17. Don Alexander	1162 E. Twin Lakes Rd. Hillboro, IN	Don Alexander
18. Jim Blankenship	2004 H. Maincross St. Wingate, IN	Jim Blankenship
19. Johnnie Pickett	335 Aspen Dr Indiana IN	Johnnie Pickett
20. Jerry Jackson	3520 Devils Run Rd	Jerry Jackson
21. Jamie Lee House	1517 West V.S. Hwy 136 Crawfordville	Jamie Lee House
22. Melinda L. Bul	2726 S. St. Rd 501 Hillboro, IN	Melinda L. Bul
23. Robert Damsco	849 S. St. 941 Hillboro, IN	Robert Damsco
24. Josh Barker	2375 S. 170 W. Vanderburgh	Josh Barker
25. Elijah Frouedge	4670 Boushaker Rd. Vanderburgh	Elijah Frouedge

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4. David Phelps	610 S green ST Crawfordsville IN 47933	David Phelps
5. MARK MEADOWS	1294 ETWING LAKES HILLSBORO IN	Mark Meadows
6. Todd High	1721 4th ST COV IN 47932	Todd High
7. Bruce Thompson	315 S Walnut st Crawfordsville IN 47933	Bruce Thompson
8. John D. Koch	1760 W. Tickridge Rd. Rockville IN 47872	John D. Koch
9. Clint HEIDENREICH	3210 N INDEPENDENCE POLGRD ATTICA IN 47918	Clint Heidreich
10. Paul Greene	1901 E. 150 S. Crawfordsville, IN 47933	Paul T. Greene
11. Tom Maxson	211 SR 28 E. Ramsey, IN 47981	Tom Maxson
12. Charles Brakley JR	6125 S. 500 E. LAF. IN 47933	Charles Brakley Jr
13. Bob CLOFFET	865 South State Rd 341, 47949	Bob Cloffet
14. Arda Meadows	1294 E Twin Lakes La Hillsboro, IN	Arda Meadows
15. JOHN MEADOWS	702 W 9th St VEEDERSBURG	John Meadows
16. PATRICA MEADOWS	702 W 9th St VEEDERSBURG	Patricia Meadows
17. Justin Elliott	1578 W Spring St ATTICA, IN	Justin Elliott
18. JEFF YOUNGBLOOD	9415 W. 550S. WILLIAMSPORT, IN.	Jeff Youngblood
19. ERIC S. MAXSON	1000 South Brackney St. 47923	Eric S. Maxson
20. Derrick W. Howard	2028 E. 125 N. ATTICA, IN 47918	Derrick W. Howard
21. Ben R. Howard	200 South high street West Lebanon, IN 47991	Ben Howard
22. Frank Eberle	4742 N. Vineschool ATTICA, IN 47918	Frank Eberle
23. Megan Roemer	2028 E. 125 N. ATTICA IN 47918	Megan Roemer
24. Kyle Knowles	1320 ST. RD. 25 WEST, LAFAYETTE IN 47905	Kyle Knowles
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5. Tim Brown	7503 N. 38 th Terre Haute IN	[Signature]
6. Steve Lauer	471 S. Lincoln St	[Signature]
7. Ken Sorensen	594 W. 15 th St. DANA IN 47017	[Signature]
8. Tim Kress	365 W. Thomas Sullivan	[Signature]
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11. Jared Pound	308 S. Lakeview Dr West Terre	[Signature]
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13. Robert D. Sampson	2931 E. Northwood Ave, Terre Haute, IN 47805	[Signature]
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9. Joe Douglas	P.O. Box 83 Universal IN 47884	Joe Douglas
10. Guy Vermillion	1887 W. Tichridge Rd. Rockville IN	Guy Vermillion
11. Brian Cogar	203 S. Fish St. Farmington 47850	Brian Cogar
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15. Sonny Lowe	1 Fairview St Greencastle	Sonny Lowe
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19. JEFF MOORE	147 N. FULTON ST. CROWN IN 47842	Jeff Moore
20. Troy Skinner	1931 E. 50th Ct. Terre Haute IN 47802	Troy Skinner
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23. Derek Wilson	2897 S. Montezuma St. Muncie IN 47302	Derek Wilson
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8. Tim Borgoroll	5517 CR 68 Sp IN	Tim Borgoroll
9. Sheila Forells	5517 CR 68 Sp IN	Sheila Forells
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11. Phil Dyer	5909 CR 68 Spencerville IN 46788	Phil Dyer
12. Cheryl Rice	P.O. Box 135 St. Joe 46785	Cheryl Rice
13. DARA AMSTUTZ	16442 STATE RD 1 SPENCERVILLE, IN 46785	DARA AMSTUTZ
14. Nick Kantor	11729 Holter Rd Gracill IN 46788	Nick Kantor
15. MIKE ELLI	7408 HOPE DR. FT. WAYNE, IN.	MIKE ELLI
16. Ted Leland	9611 BLACKSTONE CT VEO IN 46788	Ted Leland
17. John Leland	8731 WOODSIDE RD IN	John Leland
18. Pat Miller	12401 Rte 140th Gracill	Pat Miller
19. Carolyn Trapp	PO Box 28 Leoti IN 46765	Carolyn Trapp
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21. David Chapman	6599 C. R. 43 Hubert IN 46765	David Chapman
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7. BOB KLEMAN	2329 STACOT LANE JASPER	Bob Klemen
8. JIM SUMMERS	950 S MEDENIA RD JASPER	Jim Summers
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10. FRED CLARK	502 W. 6 th ST. JASPER	Fred Clark
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15. Larry Backer	1975 Grandview Dr Jasper	Larry Backer
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17. Norman Begle	521 Eversman Dr Jasper	Norman Begle
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4. Gary Ehlert	1359 N Tollwisa Lake 47546	Gary Ehlert
5. JANE BLAUM	417 Wagner St, Jasper	Jane Blum
6. John May	1333 1/2 Mill St.	John May
7. Dan Hoppe	309 West St. Jasper	Dan Hoppe
8. Dave Voegel	586 N 425 E JASPER	Dave Voegel
9. SIM NAAL	1920 NORTHVIEW FORD.	Sim Naal
10. VIC FRIEDEL	1108 S. MERIDIAN Rd APT 3 JASPER	Vic Friedel
11. SUSAN BROWN	1779 N Mill St. Jasper	Susan Brown
12. Allison Forst	1405 Park St. Jasper	Allison Forst
13. Gilbert Hochgeng	3334 E. Smallville Rd	Gilbert Hochgeng
14. Anne Tanagerman	421 W 9th JASPER	Anne Tanagerman
15. RONALD LEECH	9574 E STR 64	Birdseye, Ind. Ron Leech
16. Karla Brumfield	6824 N 800 W Otwell	Karla Brumfield
17. MICHAEL K. WALKER	1331 N. GALT STREET	Michael K. Walker
18. CHARLES R. SCHULKE	2450 S. CHARLES ST. JASPER	Charles R. Schulke
19. DAN BUECHLER	528 KYPER LANE JASPER	Dan Buechler
20. R. P. HILL	S. KOTIKEN 10824 231 ROADMAN	R. P. Hill
21. Randall Hochgeng	3-9-11	Randall Hochgeng
22. JOHN WEBER JR.	5941 N. PORTERSVILLE RD JASPER	John Weber Jr.
23. Tim Demott	114 Main St Jasper IN 47546	Tim Demott
24. Jim Hedinger	Jasper, IN	Jim Hedinger
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2. Bill Presley	3652 CR7 Avilla, IN 46710	Bill Presley
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4. SHARON GEORGE	414 S. FRANKLIN GARRETT, IN	Sharon George
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6. Donna Arnold	1600 E. WARFIELD ST. GARRETT, IN 46738	Donna Arnold
7. Elia Wiley	305 Forest Hill Dr. Garrett, IN 46738	Elia Wiley
8. PAUL HARRIS	176 Washington St. Auburn, IN	Paul Harris
9. Tom Wilcoxson	6794 CR19 Auburn, IN 46706	Tom Wilcoxson
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11. Aaron Cutler	1312 W. King St. Garrett, IN 46738	Aaron Cutler
12. JERRY HUGH	119 S. 1st ST GARRETT IN 46738	Jerry Hugh
13. Sarah Swab	2108 Palace Ct. Auburn, IN 46706	Sarah Swab
14. Tim Brandon	11800 E 300 S Laotto In 46763	Timothy Brandon
15. Mark Smith	604 S. Walsh St. Garrett, IN 46738	Mark Smith
16. Eduardo Reyes	13326 DeLano Cove, Ft. Wayne, IN 46845	Eduardo Reyes
17. KERRY P. STALLER	6495 COUNTY ROAD 327, GARRETT, IN 46738-9751	Kerry Staller
18. Laurie Wilcoxson	6794 CR19 Auburn, IN 46706	Laurie Wilcoxson
19. Wanda Reyes	13326 DeLano Cove, Ft. Wayne, IN 46845	Wanda Reyes
20. Revben Staller	6495 CR327 Garrett, IN 46738	Revben Staller
21. Simon Staller	6495 CR 327 Garrett, IN 46738	Simon Staller
22. Caleb Staller	6495 CR 327 Garrett, IN 46738	Caleb M. Staller
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3. Kim Thompson	513 S Franklin St ^{Gerritsville} 46738	Kim Thompson
4. Jackie Butler	405 Summit St ^{Kendallville} IN	Jackie Butler
5. Ken Goldsby	7819 E. 100th Ave. IN 46710	Ken Goldsby
6. John McDonald	3057 S 50th Albion IN.	John McDonald
7. Scott Haney	8299 E 100th N Kendallville IN 46755	Scott Haney
8. Robert Bolen	2292N-500E Kendallville, IN	Robert Bolen
9. John Black	9635 W 300th Andrews Ind	John Black
10. Jason Leech	7128 County Road 400 BURN IN	Jason Leech
11. Brad Kissinger	2605 S. 650 W Kimmell	Brad Kissinger
12. Dan Stump	3880S-500W Albion IN.	Dan Stump
13. Cole Knox	300 E Hazel Albion IN.	Cole Knox
14. Jim Foreman	10731 MORNING MIST TR FWA IN	Jim Foreman
15. James Foreman	1826 BEINEKE RD FTWAYNE	James Foreman
16. Ron Zartman	508 W. EMELINE ST MIFORD IN	Ron Zartman
17. Terry Keenan	8831 STAR PINE WAY FTWAYNE IN	Terry Keenan
18. Rebecca Thompson	4985 W 700th Larwill IN 46764	Rebecca Thompson
19. Kristal Kourlas	1005 Angela Dr apt D Lakeville IN 46534	Kristal Kourlas
20. Garrett McBride	201 E. Monroe St Lakeville, IN 46534	Garrett McBride
21. Jon Silverberg	10207 E 200th Sheridan IN 46789	Jon Silverberg
22. Linda Silverberg	10207 E 200th Sheridan IN 46789	Linda Silverberg
23. DAN GEHRING	4623 CHASE OAK COURT, ZIONSVILLE IN	Dan Gehring
24. Nick Gehring	4623 CHASE OAK COURT, ZIONSVILLE IN	Nick Gehring
25. Nate Kumbarger	8757 Lilly Court, Zionsville IN	Nate Kumbarger

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3. Jessica Moore	529 Withatch Drive	Jessica Moore
4. Kellyn Eddy	10398 Lakewood Drive	Kellyn Eddy
5. Katelyn Hall	6252 Saddle Tree Dr.	Katelyn Hall
6. Sammi Hintze	8403 Shelburne Way	Sammi Hintze
7. Mason Herkley	11616 Promontory Trail	Mason Herkley
8. Spencer Bickel	4134 Creekside Pass	Spencer Bickel
9. Mitch Weber	9272 Windrift Way	Mitch Weber
10. Austin Brewer	4330 Asn Ct.	Austin Brewer
11. Lindsey Wells	4563 Ivywood Ct.	Lindsey Wells
12. Andrea Tucker	10199 Wildwood Dr.	Andrea Tucker
13. Tony Weaver	21985 St. Rd. 4 Lakeville IN	Tony Weaver
14. David Bailey	7890 W 900 S Saint Whitley IN	David Bailey
15. Tim Stamps	3306 N Skinner h k Rr W	Tim Stamps
16. Neil Ellinger	0535 S Lakeview Dr. Albion IN	Neil Ellinger
17. Chad A Zartman	5000 N. 150 W Warsaw IN	Chad A Zartman
18. Dave Stump	2480 N. 550 W. Columbia City IN	Dave Stump
19. Matt Stump	4929 N. 600 W. Ligonier IN	Matt Stump
20. Ray Baker	2458 Southwind Dr Warsaw IN	Ray Baker
21. Duane Thompson	4985 W 700 N Cornwell IN 46764	Duane Thompson
22. Kenneth Baker	8528 S. 200 E Banka Hilltop 46764	Kenneth Baker
23. Jim Bokucki	51403 SANDTUE Portage IN	Jim Bokucki
24. Dolores Bokucki	51463 Sand At Portage IN	Dolores Bokucki
25. Elizabeth Richards-Bonchi	52405 1100w San Pierre IN	Elizabeth Richards-Bonchi

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3. Seth Lewis	9320n 15th Wawaka IN 46794	[Signature]
4. Cindy Brown	311 N Superior St Angola IN 46703	[Signature]
5. Teresa L Williams	1401 Barrington DR Auburn IN 46706	[Signature]
6. DOLLY FRIGBURN	7528 N STATE R1 OSSIAN, IN 46777	[Signature]
7. Dakota Brown	311 N Superior St Angola IN 46703	[Signature]
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9. Keegan Brown	311 N Superior St Angola IN 46703	[Signature]
10. Johnathan Karch	206 Steeplechase Dr Auburn IN 46706	[Signature]
11. Jody ECHTERLING	1925 N 325 E LAGRANGE IN 46761	[Signature]
12. Ashley Sunday	803 Deer Ridge Xing, Auburn IN 46706	[Signature]
13. David Shambaugh	128 Pointe St Garrett IN 46728	[Signature]
14. Justin August	PO Box 4 Pleasant Lake IN 46779	[Signature]
15. DANIEL J. Bidwell	2980 N. OLD ST. RD 3 AVILLA, IN 46710	[Signature]
16. DAVE ECHTERLING	7455 S 800 W HUDSON IN 46747	[Signature]
17. Michael Jones	5300 W Lincoln St, Ashley, IN 46705	[Signature]
18. DARRYL JONES	1018 ECKHART Auburn IN 46706	[Signature]
19. Leonard Pettibone	8405 S Walnut St, Daleville IN 46733	[Signature]
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21. Milton Peters	403 N. Hiawatha St. Churubusco IN 46723	[Signature]
22. Daniel Klee	2732 Francis St Jackson IN 46703	[Signature]
23. Stanley R. Gilligan	182 Geavel pt Road Burke New York 12917	[Signature]
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3. Wesley Mulligan	10551 East 200 North Sheridan IN	Wesley Mulligan
4. Terrin Cripe	10330 E DON Sheridan IN	Terrin Cripe
5. Katherine Mulligan	6185 Broughton - Portage, IN	Katherine Mulligan
6. Donald Mulligan Sr.	6185 Broughton - Portage, IN	Donald Mulligan Sr.
7. Chris Mulligan	3713 Sunnyside Ave. Brookfield, IL	Chris Mulligan
8. Landon Turner	9010 Stickland Ln. Indy	Landon Turner
9. George H. H. H.	3051 N. Salem Rd. Decatur, IL	George H. H. H.
10. PAUL VICE	7112 E CR 975N SEYMOUR, IN	Paul Vice
11. Kable M. Apple	5367 Tardy Ford Rd. Vevay, IN	Kable M. Apple
12. Greg Hochstetler	800 S. Grant City Rd K-TOWN IN	Greg Hochstetler
13. Ty A. Smith	478 Cornerstone Ave. SEYMOUR, IN	Ty A. Smith
14. Herb A. Hughes	4772 Old Smithville Rd. SEYMOUR, IN	Herb A. Hughes
15. Jeff A. Ray	5601 STREAMSIDE DR. INDpls, IN	Jeff A. Ray
16. Glenn Smith	2627 S. St Rd 75 Jamestown IN	Glenn Smith
17. Charles Smith	4213 Lynton Ct Indpls IN	Charles Smith
18. TOMMY SMITH	10955 N 275 E PITTSBORO, IN	Tommy Smith
19. Russ Kead	1620 E. SHORE DR. MARTINSBURG	Russ Kead
20. Mike Clashin	7500 E. Co. 400 South Depue, IN	Mike Clashin
21. Aaron Clerk	7500 E. Co. Rd. 400 South Depue, IN	Aaron Clerk
22. Tim LABBE	8949 Bryce Way Fishers IN	Tim Labbe
23. Jameson Olson	11310 North Goshen Rd. Huntington, IN	Jameson Olson
24. George Olson	11310 N. Goshen Rd. Huntington IN	George Olson
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| 3. Bryan Shisley | 8804 Cholla Rd. Indpls. | Bryan Shisley |
| 4. Roger L. Nelson | 1052 S. Colchester 47401 | Roger Nelson |
| 5. John Hitt | 9931 S. Tailwater Drive Blngtn, IN | John Hitt |
| 6. Bob Woodruff | P.O. Box 262, Knightstown | Bob Woodruff |
| 7. Roy Smith | 11946 900 S. Kington | Roy Smith |
| 8. Linda Snyder | 4713 Lynton Ct Indpls. IN | Linda Snyder |
| 9. James Linn | 3806 S. Gent City Rd. Sherrill, IN | James Linn |
| 10. Kristin Sorrells | 8205 McWhorter Rd Martinsville. | Kristin Sorrells |
| 11. Robert Jacobs | 1435 Nashville IN | Robert Jacobs |
| 12. Larry Herdlin | 315 W. GARDEN RD #151 Blngtn, IN | Larry Herdlin |
| 13. Robert Jacob | 1636 Lucas Hollow Rd Nashville IN 47445 | Robert Jacob |
| 14. William R. Stocke | 2203 N. Tobacco Road Bloomington IN | William R. Stocke |
| 15. Jay Maxwell | 35 Cramer Place Martinsville | Jay Maxwell |
| 16. Susan Maxwell | 35 Cramer Place Martinsville IN 46151 | Susan Maxwell |
| 17. Ted Maxwell | 35 Cramer Place Martinsville IN | Ted Maxwell |
| 18. Scott Mitchell | 7895 SR 446 Bloomington IN 47401 | Scott Mitchell |
| 19. Andrew Boncke | 10551 E 200N Steiden IN 46069 | Andrew Boncke |
| 20. Thomas I. Maize | 461 E. Burdick Rd. Chesterton, IN | Thomas I. Maize |
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| 22. Jim Potter | 1150 E. 150th. N. Chesterton, IN 46034 | Jim Potter |
| 23. Michael Fisher | P.O. Box 243 Shoals, IN 47581 | Michael Fisher |
| 24. John Fisher | 407 E. Walnut St. Fort Branch, IN 47648 | John Fisher |
| 25. Roger Fischer | 3418 W. 750 S. Huntington, IN 47342 | Roger Fischer |

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3. CALEB SEALS	2909 Washington Ave	Caleb Seals
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5. Dayle Fields	7390 N. Co Rd 72-5 East 46105	Dayle Fields
6. Ben Prather	1037 Landing St Apt 2 Brazil	Ben Prather
7. John Holaday	1410 S. 3rd St.	John Holaday
8. TRAVIS LEISTER	17076 S. Universal Ave., CLATON, IN	Travis Leister
9. BOB DAVIS	2321 SHELBY AVE MATTEN	Bob Davis
10. Jason Schell	7875 E Lambert Ave Terre Haute, IN	Jason Schell
11. Bob Garmong	4412 E Head Ave Terre Haute, IN	Bob Garmong
12. Penny Smith	5756 N. Water Town Rd., Spencer, IN	Penny Smith
13. LUKE SPETER	1097 W CO RD 600N BRAD, IN 47834	Luke A. Speter
14. Jim Vickers	1825 N. 10TH CLINTON IN	Jim Vickers
15. Mike Blackburn	2950 W. 800N. Co Rd, IN	Mike Blackburn
16. Robert Agnew Jr	20877 E 500th Rd Paris IL	Robert R. Agnew Jr
17. JOE DOUGLAS	PO BOX 83 UNIVERSAL IN 47884	Joe Douglas
18. Mike McManis	Lot 54 Lake Brazilian Est Brazil IN 47834	Mike McManis
19. James Blackburn	680 N Crystal Falls Ln Hillboro IN 47449	James Blackburn
20. Charles Paddock	1014 Sunset Lane Grinston, IN 47837	Charles Paddock
21. Tom Steiner	747 E. Ashboro Rd. Centerville, IN 47830	Tom Steiner
22. Alex May	804 West Old US 40 West Terre Haute	Alex May
23. Steve Rider	2911 N. 100W. W. Lafayette, IN 47906	Steve Rider
24. Cynthia Rothrock	4323 E Head Av T. Hd 47805	Cynthia Rothrock
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5. DAVID MAY	146 WANDA LAKE PL WTH	[Signature]
6. P.J. BURNS	4908 S LOST ST Terre Haute	[Signature]
7. Todd Sutherland	3466 U.S. 231 S. Greencastle	[Signature]
8. BRAD VANLIVE	390 N. Chestnut Ave. Clinton	[Signature]
9. Rob Jackson	1414 S. 125 E. Clinton IN	[Signature]
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11. Trent Herring	6225 W SARAH MYERS DR. WTH IN	[Signature]
12. Jon Washburn	R.R. Box 37A Brazil, IN 47110	[Signature]
13. Jim Montgomery	10501 S. Corfu, IL	[Signature]
14. Brian Hale	1423 N Co. Rd. 200 W.	[Signature]
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20. Rick Faso	505 N Mill GREENOP EL 62428	[Signature]
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22. Harold Langley	2235 E CO RD 800 S 47840	[Signature]
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13. CHRIS STROOT	2006 WASHINGTON AVE T.N.	Chris Stroot
14. Chris Bauck	13745 So. Trueblood Pl TH	Chris Bauck
15. Robin Bauck	13745 S. Trueblood Pl TH	Robin Bauck
16. Jay Maxwell	35 Cramer Place Martinsville, IN 46151	Jay Maxwell
17. Ted Maxwell	35 Cramer Place Martinsville, IN 46151	Ted Maxwell
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19. Steven Lachenmeyer	10226 E 700th Ave Robinson IL 62451	Steven Lachenmeyer
20. Brad McLaughlin	2549 Oak Drive Clayton IN	Brad McLaughlin
21. Justin Mager	4491 E. Rosedale Rd. Rosedale IN 47874	Justin Mager
22. Josh Mager	4589 E Rosedale Rd. Rosedale IN 47874	Josh Mager
23. Josh Hunsford	4978 W 900 S Rosale IN 47874	Josh Hunsford
24. CHIP REDMAN	P.O. BOX 139 DANA, IN 47847	Chip Redman
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4. DEBRA L. MUSICK	11620 N. Co Rd 800 E Lewis, IN	Debra L. Musick
5. Chester K. Edmonson	188 NE 11th Street Linton Ind	Chester K. Edmonson
6. David S. Dulin	6260 Bethesda Rd Coal City, IN	David S. Dulin
7. Paula MORRIS	4733 G. CR 1375 S	Paula Morris
8. Cole Musick	8734 N. STS Shelburn	Cole Musick
9. Loree Dulin	6260 Bethesda Rd Coal City, IN	Loree Dulin
10. Bill Oria	4651 W. Co. Rd 1375 S	Bill Oria
11. Jason Fulk	11290 Bridgewater Rd	Jason Fulk
12. Tiffany Fulk	11290 Bridgewater Rd	Tiffany Fulk
13. Jonathan A. Fulk	11290 Bridgewater Rd	Jonathan A. Fulk
14. Chet Fulk	14883 Fourth Street Coal City, IN	Chet Fulk
15. Jessica Mathis	14883 Fourth Street Coal City, IN	Jessica Mathis
16. Brian Weasner	14881 3rd street Coal City, IN	Brian Weasner
17. Tina Mathis	14881 3rd Street Coal City, IN	Tina Mathis
18. Sherry Roberts	27205 Co Ln Rd West Coal City IN 47427	Sherry Roberts
19. Glenn A. Roberts	"	Glenn A. Roberts
20. Chris Hinton	27205 Co Ln Rd West Coal City, IN 47427	Chris Hinton
21. Misty D. Roberts	27205 Co Ln Rd West Coal City, IN 47427	Misty D. Roberts
22. Kim Archer	21 West St. Northampton, IN 47421	Kim Archer
23. Dan Archer	21 West St. Northampton, IN 47421	Dan Archer
24. Kelly Storch	13443 N. Co. Rd 500 E Reelsville	Kelly Storch
25. Carl Storch	13443 N. Co. Rd 500 E Reelsville	Carl Storch

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5. Matt Haberman	181 Woodlane Dr	<i>Matt Haberman</i>
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10. Keith Elliott	5493 W. 1200 N. Dupont, IN	<i>Keith Elliott</i>
11. Zach Hicks	565 Pershman Dr. North Vernon IN	<i>Zach Hicks</i>
12. Tony L. Hudson	1301 Wolfcreek Rd Columbus IN	<i>Tony L. Hudson</i>
13. Austin L. Hudson	1301 Wolfcreek Rd Columbus IN	<i>Austin L. Hudson</i>
14. Roger Owens JR	4925 S CTY RD 200 E North Vernon IN	<i>Roger Owens JR</i>
15. Bill Wright	9395 Hwy 3 Commiskey IN	<i>Bill Wright</i>
16. Kevin Vance	3440 W. Co. Rd. 500S North Vernon IN	<i>Kevin Vance</i>
17. Travis March	1455 E Co Rd 510S North Vernon IN	<i>Travis March</i>
18. C. Norbert	4221 S. Co. Rd 60 SW Greensburg IN	<i>C. Norbert</i>
19. KENNY PERKINS	3610 NORTH STATE Hwy 7 North Vernon IN	<i>Kenny Perkins</i>
20. TORRY MILLER	2868 W 500 South Greensburg IN	<i>Torry Miller</i>
21. LONNIE LYNCH	1080 N CR 700 W NORTH VERNON	<i>Lonnie Lynch</i>
22. Clint Norton	3425 N. County Rd 225 E. N. Vernon, IN	<i>Clint Norton</i>
23. MARK BOONER	6825 W. U.S. Hwy. #50 N. Vernon, IN	<i>Mark Booner</i>
24. Debbie Sharp	2300 S CR 22 S W North Vernon IN	<i>Debbie Sharp</i>
25. Gregory D. Luck	9943 W Co Rd 60 N Osgood IN 47037	<i>Gregory D. Luck</i>

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1.	Corbin Gallmeier	3808 Mayapple Dr	IN			[Signature]
2.	James S. Mandelholz	8723 Strand Ridge Ln	FT. WAYNE	IN	46835	[Signature]
3.	Ronald K. Helgesen	5416 Thawie Ct.	FT. W.	IN	46835	[Signature]
4.	Marc McClain	6905 Woodtrail Ct.	FT. WAYNE	IN	46835	[Signature]
5.	Josh Friend	8423 Cinnabar Ct.	FT. WAYNE	IN		[Signature]
6.	JASON BARKWRIGHT	4815 CASTLE DR	FT. WAYNE	IN	46835	[Signature]
7.	ADAM BARKWRIGHT	4815 CASTLE DR	FT. WAYNE	IN	46835	[Signature]
8.	Don Lane	3420 Ribby Cils	FT. WAYNE	IN		[Signature]
9.	Rod Miller	15324 Hilgard Rd.	FT. WAYNE	IN	46835	[Signature]
10.	Jason McClain	7865 Cord	Spencerville	IN	46789	[Signature]
11.	Dalton Patrick	407 E. T. H. Rd.	FT. IN	46835		[Signature]
12.	Herb DeFagrange	14307 Flint Creek Xing	Leo	IN		[Signature]
13.	Max DeFagrange	17412 Dooling Rd	Woodburn	IN		[Signature]
14.	Robert Howell	9218 Audurn Rd.	FT. W.	IN		[Signature]
15.	Chris Campbell	7004 Bradford	FT. WAYNE	IN		[Signature]
16.	Gary Zimmerman	1817 Senior Dr.	FT. WAYNE	IN		[Signature]
17.	Gerry McClain	7895 CK	Spencerville	IN		[Signature]
18.	Jason Snyder	3448 CP 41	Waterloo	IN	46785	[Signature]
19.	Bruce Bickley	1605 Grove Dr	Fort Wayne	IN	46825	[Signature]
20.	Greg Theard	9023 Dupont Oaks	FT. WAYNE	IN		[Signature]
21.	Justin Elston	2449 N. State Rd.	127 Angola	IN	46703	[Signature]
22.	Dustin McEug	3917 AENE CT	Fort Wayne	IN		[Signature]
23.	Rick Pegg	4817 Thompson Rd.	FT. WAYNE	IN		[Signature]
24.	Brad McKinney	1308 Garwood Dr.	Audurn	IN		[Signature]
25.	Rodney S. Wachs	222 E. Cox Dr.	FT. WAYNE	IN	46816	[Signature]

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2. JOL CRITCHER	9746 E. Independence Rd. Oxford, IN 47920	Jol Critcher
3. Warren Custer	1602 Fremont St. Columbus, IN 47933	Warren Custer
4. Randy Smith	1358 W. 450 W. Covington, IN 47932	Randy Smith
5. Frank Eberle	4742 N. Vine School Rd. Attica, IN 47918	Frank Eberle
6. Jeff Blissitt	4416 S.R. 250, LAF, IN 47905	Jeff Blissitt
7. Scott Taylor	668 W 83rd CRAWFORDVILLE 47923	Scott Taylor
8. Jim Carter	29705 950 W Westfield	Jim Carter
9. Jason Kintner	4158 E. 300 S. Oxford, IN 47971	Jason Kintner
10. Bob Fox	107 Plum St. Wagonsburg, IN 47988	Bob Fox
11. RAY CZAJKA	652 N 500 E Vandersburg, IN 47987	Ray Czajka
12. Jeff Kyger	3607 N. Xavier Rd. Attica	Jeff Kyger
13. Aaron Williams	7577 N. SR. 25	Aaron Williams
14. Derrick Allen	3938 N. Xavier Rd	Derrick Allen
15. Brady Sines	3603 N. Xavier Rd	Brady Sines
16. KERRY SINGGAL	3603 N. Xavier Rd.	Kerry Singgal
17. Joe Carter	700 South Main Cross Wagonata	Joe Carter
18. Derrick Howard	2028 E. 125 N. Attica, IN	Derrick Howard
19. DARIN ASHCRAFT	8541 Patience Ln Lafayette, IN	Darin Ashcraft
20. AUSTIN ASHCRAFT	8541 Patience Ln Lafayette, IN	Austin Ashcraft
21. John Daley	415 W 4th St Vandersburg, IN	John Daley
22. Bruce Owens	307 Montifiore St Lafayette, IN	Bruce Owens
23. Michael Deardorff	708 Whippoorwill Ct, Lafayette, IN	Michael Deardorff
24. DAVE SERIE	114 Franklin St, Williamsport, IN	Dave Serie
25. STEVEN SPANGLER	575 E. MONROE ST ATTICA IN	Steven Spangler

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1.	DAN REYNOLDS	824 Ashton Park Dr	Greenville, TN 37617	D. Reynolds
2.	Jeff Hebert	1309 Blue Heron Ln	Greenwood, IN 46143	Jeff Hebert
3.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
4.	Brian McDaniel	5685 Bana Rd	Martinsville, IN 46151	Brian McDaniel
5.	Bryan Jones	3402 Boxwood Dr	Indpls, IN 46227	Bryan Jones
6.	David Kirschen	8017 SHADY WOODS DR	Indpls 46159	David Kirschen
7.	Jeff Kirschen	6324 DOORHART WAY	Indpls 46157	Jeff Kirschen
8.	Bryce KALEN	3315 OAKTRIE DR	South 46227	Bryce Kalen
9.	Tony Addisone	8701 Shelbyville Rd	Indpls 46259	Tony Addisone
10.	Tyler Frink	4144 W Whiteland Rd	Bargersville, IN 46106	Tyler Frink
11.	JACK HAWKINS	791 U.S. 31 S.	WHITELAND, IN 46189	Jack Hawkins
12.	Joe Miller	1595 Buck Ridge Circle	Greenwood, IN 46143	Joe Miller
13.	HARVEST WISE	5654 BARLENE DR.	GREENWOOD, IN 46143	Harvest Wise
14.	JOE BARRETT	4358 Valley Way	Greenwood, IN 46143	Joe Barrett
15.	David Sparks	34 S Buckhart Drive	Bargersville, IN 46106	David Sparks
16.	SID L. OVEN	4166 WATERBROOK WAY	GRAND 46143	Sid L. Oven
17.	D. Kyus Traubady	839 Eastern Ave	Indpls, IN 46229	D. Kyus Traubady
18.	Emil Peleah	4159 Willow Wood Dr	Greenwood, IN 46143	Emil Peleah
19.	Greg Perry	110 ROSE LAKE	GREENWOOD, IN 46143	Greg Perry
20.	Jon M. Williams Jr	350 McCarty Dr	Greenwood, IN 46143	Jon M. Williams Jr
21.	Paul Trotter	2519 Joust Dr.	Greenwood, IN 46143	Paul Trotter
22.	Tim Trotter	2519 Joust Dr.	Greenwood, IN 46143	Tim Trotter
23.	Bleke Williams	51135 Fern Meadows Dr.	Greenwood, IN 46143	Bleke Williams
24.	Danny Williams	1935 Fern Meadows Dr.	Greenwood, IN 46143	Danny Williams
25.	Bob Boerly	5918 Birch Ln	Greenwood, IN 46143	Bob Boerly

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Douglas B. Eganoff	1623 Drexler St.	Douglas B. Eganoff
Jim Baker	8440 Hi-Vu DR	Jim Baker
3. [illegible]	4556 Pasadenalane	[illegible]
Bryan Epperson	4556 Pasadenalane	Bryan Epperson
Eric Williams	3253 E 700 N, Whiteland	Eric Williams
Bethany Scott	1225 Freeman Lane, Greenwood	Bethany Scott
DAVID BOSHEARS	537 MALLORY PRKY, FRANKLIN	DAVID BOSHEARS
LIVON SOTO	3001 CAMERON ST INDY	LIVON SOTO
Ross Allison	6055 Bath Av. Indy 46227	Ross Allison
Joe Doyle	3 Lakewood Dr, IN 46181	Joe Doyle
Mike Horvath	656 Van Hoy Drive Greenwood IN	Mike Horvath
Randy Buerneth	3760 EGBERT RD Martinsville 46142	Randy Buerneth
Tracy Burnett	PO Box 1050 Martinsville 46151	Tracy Burnett
Mark Harper	2225 Lee Dr, Indy	Mark Harper
Billy OB	24 Sunset Lake Circle	Billy OB
R.L. BUEGLER	4546 Hickory Creek Blvd	R.L. BUEGLER
Dennis Miller	535 Stillwater Ln Greenwood 46142	Dennis Miller
CHARLES HILL	4499 GADSEY RD MAAS 46151	CHARLES HILL
Ed BRICKLEY	1283 Elm Grove Lane, Grand, 46143	Ed BRICKLEY
Tom ROBERT	1023 N. HARBISON	Tom ROBERT
Mark [illegible]	Franklin, Ind	Mark [illegible]
Ronald Pell	7323 Forest Park Dr Ipl, IN	Ronald Pell
John [illegible]	14941 W Deming Rd Greenwood, IN 46143	John [illegible]
John [illegible]	6539 Encave Blvd - Greenwood IN 46143	John [illegible]
Bill McDonald	413 Tyler Ct, Greenwood IN 46143	Bill McDonald

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2. Dustin Cox	4509 W. Co. Rd. 75 S. Greencastle, IN	Dustin Cox
3. DARRELL SMITH	3621 W. Co. Rd. 1025 N. Brazil, IN	Darrell Smith
4. STEPHEN ENGLES	517 S. 23RD ST. TERRE HAUTE IN	STEP
5. Charles Paddock	1014 Sunset Lane Covington, IN	Charles Paddock
6. Rodney Lewis	1030 NEBELER ST. Chicago, Ill.	Rodney Lewis
7. James Ward	P.O. Box 281 Kalama, Ia	James Ward
8. PERCY MOSSBARGER	P.O. Box 10038, Terre Haute, IN 47601	Percy Mossbarger
9. Charles Guyer	7782 E 2100th AVE Annapolis, IL	Charles Guyer
10. Steven Lachenmayer	10226 E 700th AVE Robinson, IL	Steven Lachenmayer
11. Steven Lachenmayer	12557 N. 2175th St. Paris, IL	Steven Lachenmayer
12. RON LEACH	3543 E. PACMAN Rd. Hixson, GA	Ron Leach
13. Robb Willis	5537 - South Maple Road Carson, Ind	Robb Willis
14. Joe Hillenburg	11637 - 5TH AVE Terre Haute, IN	LESTER JOE HILLENBURG
15. James Collier	High School Rd. Ellettsville, IN	James Collier
16. Matthew Hull	1735 Earlefield Ave	Matthew Hull
17. Matthew Hull	2021 E CO RD 1300 S. Cloverdale, IN	Mitchell May
18. JAMES DOWERS	5455 N WATER ST. CAYUGA, NY	James Dowers
19. JAMES DUNBAR	262 SOUTH 21ST TERRE HAUTE	James Dunbar
20. JOHN F. TODD	721 HERITAGE LN. E. TERRE HAUTE IN	John F. Todd
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2.	HARRY RUST	303 LAMBERT ST KNOX, TN	Harry Rust
3.	Tim Miller	154 W Lake St. Knox, TN 37604	Tim Miller
4.	Dain Whittaker	415 W Fern Ct Knox TN 37604	Dain Whittaker
5.	Sam Singleton	0345 N St Rd 23	Sam Singleton
6.	Tom Goss	4570 S 100 E	Tom Goss
7.	Scott Rust	4860 N St Rd 23	Scott Rust
8.	James Wigger	6260 N St Rd 23	James Wigger
9.	Sam Wigger	519 Elm St Hamlet TN 37054	Sam Wigger
10.	Jack Moerman	1187 E Pottawatomie Tr. Wilketon, IN	Jack Moerman
11.	Jack Fisher	1095 W 200 S N. Jackson 46366	Jack Fisher
12.	Scott Di Ward	0135 S. 925 E. Knox TN 37604	Scott Di Ward
13.	Brandon Reis	5815 E ST RD 8 Knox 37604	Brandon Reis
14.	Edward Ryce	8910 E 25 N KNOX TN 37604	Edward Ryce
15.	John Dwyer	5 South Henry St Knox TN 37604	John Dwyer
16.	Blake McLean	603 S. Shield Street	Blake McLean
17.	Val Williams	2255 South US 35 Knox TN	Val Williams
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2. Tyler Ramez	10423 W 350 S Westville, IN	Tyler Ramez
3. Cody Lattimore	5484 Aspen Rd. Portage, IN	Cody Lattimore
4. Garrett Evans	302 S 10th St. Chester, IN	Garrett Evans
5. DENNIS TOLLIVER	6728 DALE AVE 1B - PORTAGE IN	Dennis Tolliver
6. LESTER SERLES	2720 OLD POSTER RD - PORTAGE IN	Lester Serles
7. BETTY TOLLIVER	6728 DALE AVE 1B PORTAGE, IN	Betty Tolliver
8. DOLORES RILEY	2922 BRYANT PORTAGE, IN	Dolores Riley
9. RANDALL RILEY	2922 Bryant Portage, IN	Randall Riley
10. Joni Elsner	1868 Samuelson Rd Portage IN	Joni M. Elsner
11. JILL A. POWERS	3119 County Line Rd Portage, IN	Jill A. Powers
12. Katherine Mulligan	1085 Broughton - Portage, IN	Katherine Mulligan
13. Donald Mulligan Jr.	IN	Donald Mulligan Jr.
14. MIKE MULLIGAN	29573 N. WASHINGTON RD, LAKE BLUFF, IL	Mike Mulligan
15. Chris Mulligan	3113 Sunnyside Ave. Brookfield, IL 60087	Chris Mulligan
16. PAMELA TOWNIE	3113 SUNNYSIDE, BROOKFIELD IL	Pamela Townie
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3. Craig Hudson	5400 W. CR. 800 N. GASTON, IN 47342	Craig Hudson
4. Keith Redden	2669 S. Angling pike Hartford City	Keith Redden
5. Taylor Redden	2669 S. Angling Pike Hartford City	Taylor Redden
6. Rob Gardner	1490 S. Angling Pike Hartford City	Rob Gardner
7. James Berkout	9501 W. CR. 380 N. GASTON, IN 47342	James Berkout
8. Chris Berkout	9501 W. CR. 380 N. GASTON, IN 47342	Chris Berkout
9. Jeff Kuehrt	10240 W. Connor Rd Gaston, IN 47342	Jeff Kuehrt
10. Gerry Rye	104 S. Linton St. Jona, IN 47348	Gerry Rye
11. Bill Edwards	1407 S. ST Rd 3, Hartford City	Bill Edwards
12. Matt Swain	7218 E 1125 S Fairmount, IN	Matt Swain
13. Phil Doherty	4201 N. 880 V. Yorktown, IN	Phil Doherty
14. Karen Ricks	805 E 32nd ST Marion, IN	Karen Ricks
15. Phil Cloungel	319 5 th ST MARIETTA, IN	Phil Cloungel
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2. Darryl Lee	8566 Elberfeld IN 47613	<i>Darryl Lee</i>
3. PATRICK ROBLING	602 E. LAFAETTE WANSLOW, IN	<i>Patrick Robling</i>
4. Patrick Fichter	600 S. Hill St Apt 204 Ft. Branch, IN 47615	<i>Patrick Fichter</i>
5. Blake Hotzman	P.O. Box 116 Monroe City, IN 47557	<i>Blake Hotzman</i>
6. GREG SPALF	2108 E. S.R. 64 PEACEON, IN 47620	<i>Gregory W. Spalf</i>
7. Larry E Wira	9626 S 900 E Elberfeld 47613	<i>Larry E Wira</i>
8. Larry E Wira Sr	9626 S 900 E, Elberfeld, IN 47613	<i>Larry E Wira Sr.</i>
9. Laura Engert	1501 Rolling Road Wadesville IN 47638	<i>Laura Engert</i>
10. Janet Lee	8566 State RT 68 Elberfeld 47613	<i>Janet Lee</i>
11. Elizabeth Lloyd	1900 Fleener Rd Evansville IN 47211	<i>Elizabeth Lloyd</i>
12. Gregory K Lloyd	1900 Fleener Rd Evansville IN 47211	<i>Gregory K Lloyd</i>
13. Laurie Thurmond	8815 Upper Waverly Rd Evansville, Ind - 47712	<i>Laurie Thurmond</i>
14. Chris Lake	323 N. 525th Albion, IN 47001	<i>Chris Lake</i>
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3. <u>David Moore</u>	<u>4668 N. Randall st.</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>
4. <u>Josh Moore</u>	<u>4668 N. Randall st.</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>
5. <u>Alan Moore</u>	<u>1276 N. Poloma Rd. Rockville</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>
6. <u>Justin Paulsen</u>	<u>15571 N. 1400th Street-Madison</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>
7. <u>Sever J. Smith</u>	<u>2798 W. Oregon Church TH IN</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>
8. <u>Barrett Smith</u>	<u>2798 W. Oregon Church TH IN</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>
9. <u>C.S. Peters</u>	<u>12729 NCR 400 W Brazil</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>
10. <u>Chuck Peters</u>	<u>12729 NCR 400 W Brazil</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>
11. <u>JEFF MOORE</u>	<u>147 N. FULTON ST. ELKHART IN</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>
12. <u>John Rolison</u>	<u>1913 S. 1000th Road Whitewater IN</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>
13. <u>MIKE GORGICHAK</u>	<u>Box 7183 INDIANAPOLIS IN</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>
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4. John Amel	14315 RIANDA A	John Amel
5. CRAIG WISEMAN	3814 Finchley CT Fluynne IN	Craig Wiseman
6. Dan Maden	11718 N. Country Lane RI SPENCERVILLE IN	Dan Maden
7. Jonathan Holder	9804 La Mesa Drive Fluynne IN	Jonathan Holder
8. Bruce Larson	5832 HURLEY Rn 120 Ind	Bruce Larson
9. Rick Connolly	3516 FOREST AVE FW	Rick Connolly
10. Todd King	3016 LINCOLN PALM DR FW	Todd King
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July 13, 2011

Natural Resources Commission
Indiana Government Center North
100 North Senate Ave., Room N501
Indianapolis, IN 46204

RE: LSA Document # 11-101, Proposed Regulations on Deer Hunting

On behalf of the members of Indiana Farm Bureau, Inc. (IFB), we wish to thank the staff at DNR as well as the members and staff of the Natural Resource Commission for their efforts in drafting amendments to the deer hunting regulations. We recognize that this issue has garnered a great amount of attention and that numerous views and opinions on the varied provisions of the rules exist. We are grateful that both DNR and the NRC have been responsive to the needs of the impacted citizens. That being said, we hope that this rule can be finalized quickly because it is important that the size of the deer herd comes under control before it becomes so large that it can no longer be managed.

IFB is the largest general farm organization in Indiana, representing nearly 80,000 individuals and families who earn their livelihood from agriculture. We also maintain an affiliation with Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance, which was started in 1934 by our members so that farmers would have access to insurance.

As an organization with interests in agriculture and insurance, we are concerned about the size of the deer herd in Indiana and the resulting damage caused by the number of deer present in particular areas of the state. Our members are concerned about loss of crops to deer and the economic damage that they suffer. There is a concern that car/deer collisions are high, leading to greater insurance costs and problems caused by accidents. Our members recognize the ecological value of deer, but know that too many deer can lead to destruction of the very environment in which they live. Finally, our members respect the heritage of hunting, and the opportunity it brings to unite family and friends. This is critically important to us because of the large numbers of hunters who are our members.

The policy which has been developed by our members through the grassroots policy development process addresses the hunting issue from the point of wildlife control because of damage that deer cause. Thus, our comments will focus on the importance of the recommended changes to reduce the overall size of the deer herd.

In general, our policy supports "expanded hunting season and limits for deer," including a focus on does. *Indiana Farm Bureau, Inc. policy § 501.11, Predators and Wildlife Control.* Our policy also supports setting "population limits within habitat limits to prevent damage to crops..." *IFB policy § 501.11.* Finally, our policy recommends that DNR consider economic losses from vehicle collisions and crop revenue when defining what constitutes a satisfactory deer population." *IFB policy § 501.11*

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and improving the quality of life of members.*

Based upon anecdotal evidence from farmers related to crop damage, as well as on information related to the deer harvest and the total number of deer in the state, it would appear that the size of the deer herd needs to be reduced to a level that is more conducive to long term stability rather than growth. Further, it is our understanding that current harvest numbers are not large enough to keep the current deer herd in check. We also acknowledge that the deer herd is not uniformly distributed around the state, and that some counties may not suffer from the same issues with damage caused by deer.

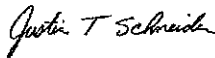
Overall, we believe that the proposal from DNR should increase the amount of deer taken. Specifically, the added week for taking antlerless deer provides greater opportunity to reduce the size of the deer herd in those counties where it has been determined that the herd size needs to be reduced. Additionally, the decision to allow crossbows to be used, as well as the bundle for licenses, should provide opportunities for additional hunters to have access to the woods and harvest additional deer.

Looking forward, we would urge DNR and the NRC to commit to a review of the results of the adoption of these rules within five years after they go into effect. While we hope and believe that there will be a significant increase in the number of deer taken, we also recognize that based on the best available data, the size of the deer herd is increasing. If the enactment of this proposal does not increase the size of the deer harvest enough to control the growth of the deer herd, we would urge the DNR and NRC to consider alternatives such as eliminating the bag limits for does in select counties.

In conjunction with this proposal, it is crucial that hunters have the access to hunting venues they need to be able to harvest deer. We are committed to working with our members to ensure that access is widely available. We also are educating our members to encourage hunters to harvest does rather than focusing on just harvesting bucks.

Once again, Indiana Farm Bureau thanks DNR and the NRC for its efforts on the adoption of amendments to the rules with respect to the harvest of deer and we urge the adoption of the proposed rule. Questions with respect to these comments can be addressed to the undersigned at jschneider@infarmbureau.org.

Respectfully submitted,



Justin T. Schneider
Staff Attorney

DEAR SIR

WHY DON'T YOU USE YOUR HEAD

LOWER THE PRICE OF DEER LICENSE

FROM 24 DOLLARS TO 15 DOLLARS

AND MAKE IT GO ON BACK FOR

GUNS AND 10 DOLLARS FOR MURDER ORDER

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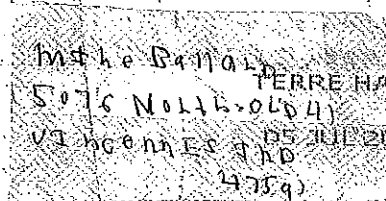
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P.S. MAKE THE SEASON RUN LONGER MAKE IT

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3568 N. Ramsgate Rd.
Martinsville, IN 46151

May 23, 2011

Natural Resources Commission
Division of Hearings
100 North Senate Ave., Room N501
Indianapolis, IN 46204-2200

RE: Proposed Deer Season Rule Changes (LSA #11-101)

Dear Hearing Officer:

The proposed package of deer rule changes that was preliminarily adopted by the Natural Resources Commission on January 11, 2011 is a package that I firmly support. And, I believe it is much more acceptable to the great majority of deer hunters in Indiana than was the first proposed package adopted July 20, 2010.

The new package preserves the traditional 16-day firearm and 16-day muzzle loader (ML) seasons. Some people criticize Indiana for having relatively long deer hunting seasons. However, I and tens of thousands of other hunters like it that way. And, it is certainly not having a negative effect on the deer resource. It is having a very positive effect on the number of hunter recreation days enjoyed by tens of thousands of Hoosiers. And, I am sure there are considerable benefits to the state and local economies that accrue as well. I have talked to a long time friend from the neighboring state of Illinois, which has much shorter firearm and muzzle loading (ML) seasons. He envies our season structure. In Indiana we really appreciate the extra time allowed to hunt in all deer seasons -- firearm, muzzle loader, and archery.

The new package will greatly reduce the high degree of animosity among deer hunters that was caused by the first proposal, in large part based upon how the package would have shortened and moved the firearm and ML seasons. And, the new package will significantly reduce the animosity toward the Division of Fish & Wildlife (DFW) and IDNR expressed by many deer hunters.

The new package will enable DFW to more effectively control the deer population by means of expanding hunting opportunities for bow hunters (vertical and crossbow) and expanding urban zone hunting areas and days. The DFW can effectively "put even more pressure" on the deer population in selected counties by a "switch" of designating 4 or more bonus antlerless deer for those counties. This switch opens up a new antlerless-only season from December 26 to the first Sunday in January. And, this switch can be turned on or off annually without the need for a formal rule-making process, thus providing much greater flexibility to DFW in managing deer populations.

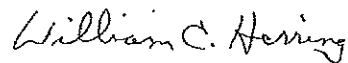
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Quite a few bow hunters (vertical bows and crossbows) often speak of enjoying the "quiet time" in the deer woods. Many of the firearm and ML hunters also enjoy the quiet time, especially during those week days when there are relatively few hunters in the woods. And, many hunters using all different kinds of weapons enjoy the time to be selective in what animal they hunt and take. And, all types of hunters enjoy hunting part of the primary rut for antlered (bucks) deer. During the week days of both firearm and ML seasons it is relatively quiet. And, not only is it quiet for the firearm and ML hunters, it is also quiet for the bow hunters, who have been allowed to share the same time period to pursue deer with their favorite weapon. And, after Christmas the deer woods is also relatively quiet, in large part due to the fact that a large number of hunters have harvested all the deer they want by that time and the fact that the weather has usually become much less "inviting" for deer hunting. And, it would likely still be fairly quiet even with a late "cleanup" antlerless-only season in those counties where it would be in effect.

I believe the new package of proposed rule changes will enable Indiana to more effectively reduce deer populations in IDNR-targeted counties/areas. And, compared to the first proposed package, it will significantly MINIMIZE disruptions to deer seasons as now enjoyed by tens of thousands of deer hunters, MINIMIZE the animosity between hunters based upon their preferred hunting tools and seasons, and MINIMIZE some very negative feelings that some hunters have toward the DFW and IDNR management. Please final adopt the new proposed rule package.

Thank you for seriously considering my comments.

Sincerely,



William C. Herring

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Humphrey Karen (sdf3kxh)

Subject: DAVE'S LETTER

BEING AN OLDER AMISH FARMER (not really amish but my lifestyle is same as an amish) , AGE 68, OWNER OF HILLSIDE ORCHARD, AND LIVING OFF THE LAND, I'D LIKE TO MAKE A FEW COMMENTS ON THE NEW DEER REDUCTION RULES.

MY GOOD FRIEND AND HUNTING BUDDY STARTED HUNTING IN THE LATE 1950'S. WE HUNT WITH ALL WEAPONS...BOW, SHOOTGUN, AND MUZZLE LOADER. WE DO OUR OWN BUTCHERING AND TAXIDERM. THE PLACES WE HUNT ARE:

1. MY FARM WHICH IS APPROXIMATELY 1 MILE BY 1/2 MILE. LAST YEAR WE KILLED 2 DEER. WE SAW 6 DEER IN 30 HUNTING TRIPS.
2. KASUTH SALEM, INDIANA WE HUNT ON MY RELATIVES' 2,000 ACRE FARM, RUSS CREEK AND DELANEY CREEK. IN 15 TRIPS WE SAW 5 DEER WITH ONE ACTUALLY KILLED.
3. BIG OAKS=THE 2 TRIPS WE MADE WE SAW 5 DEER.
4. CHARLESTOWN STATE PARK=THE ONE TRIP WE SAW 1 DEER.

THE POINT I WANT TO MAKE IS THIS...THE SOUTHERN INDIANA DEER POPULATION IN CERTAIN AREAS IS NON-EXISTENT. THERE ARE CERTAIN COUNTIES LIKE FLOYD COUNTY, ETC WHERE YOU CAN KILL 8 DOWES IS R-I-D-I-C-U-L-O-U-S. I KNOW HUNDREDS OF DEER HUNTERS AND SOME OF THOSE ARE THE "BEST OF THE BEST". THEY ALL ARE IN AGREEMENT OF DEER HERD IN SOUTHERN INDIANA IS "VERY VERY LOW OR NON-EXISTANT".

NOT BRAGGING, BUT I'D PUT MY HUNTING BUDDY AND MYSELF WITH 50 PLUS YEARS OF HUNTING SECOND TO NONE IN THE STATE AND THE USA.

ADDRESSING THE RULE CHANGE..TRAFFIC AND ROAD KILL CAR DAMAGE/INSURANCE COMPANY'S LOWER THE DEER POPULATIN. MAIN REASON FOR PROPOSED CHANGES.

IT SOMETIMES TAKES ME 5 MINUTES JUST TO CROSS HIGHWAY 160 TO GET TO MY MAILBOX. TRAFFIC IS TERRIBLE AND NO WONDER THE ROAD KILL IN OCTOBER, NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER IS SO HIGH.

AND LASTLY I'D LIKE TO SAY (NOT KNOWING ABOUT THE NORTHERN PART OF INDIANA) IT SOUNDS LIKE MOST OF THE DEER POPULATION IS IN THE NORTHERN PART OF THE STATE WHERE THE KILL IS MUCH HIGHER.

PS-MY HUNTING BUDDY AND I KILL TOTALLY FOR MEAT FOR OUR FAMILIES. DOES A YEARLING NOT TROPHY BUCKS MAYBE YOUNG BUCKS NOW BECAUSE OF REDUCED HERD. AS YOU CAN SEE I'M NOT MUCH OF A WRITER OF WORDS, BUT I HOPE YOU CAN SEE MY POINT.

PS-I'D LOVE TO TALK TO SOMEONE WITH AUTHORITY IF THEY HAVE A MOMENT. IF SOMEONE COULD CALL MY HOME AND PLEASE LEAVE A MESSAGE AND THEIR PHONE NUMBER.

THANKS FOR YOU TIME..

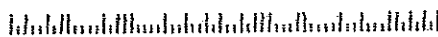
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DEAR ST
 I WAS AT THE DNR, MEET THE THERE WAS
 MORE ABOUT CATFISH THAN DEER HUNTING
 NOW USE YOUR HEAD CUT THE PRICE
 OF FISHING LICENSES FROM 17 DOLLARS
 DOWN TO 10 DOLLARS AND CUT THE
 PRICE OF DEER LICENSES FROM
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 A WEEK LONGER FOR GUN AND
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SINCERELY

W. D. DILL

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Sir:

3-12-2011

My Suggestion to reduce the deer herd is to run your Firearms Season From Sat. to Sat. (Nov. 12 To Nov. 26) and then while the weather is still half way warm start a doe only season the next Day (Nov. 27) to when Muzzleloader season starts. Just do this for the more populated deer counties in the State. Everyone will have to buy a doe license for the hunt. I'm sure guys like me will take advantage of the extra days to hunt before the cold weather starts. This would cause guys like me that don't shoot does to go out and shoot one just to keep hunting.

Thanks-

Jack Zimmerman



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3-1-2011

Natural Resources Commission

Subject: Proposed Deer Hunting Changes

As a bowhunter, Indiana Life Time Hunting License holder and a member of the Indiana Bowhunters Association I am writing to you about current proposals and or rule changes.

- I **DO NOT FAVOR** ANY changes that allow the use of a crossbow into the early archery season. Crossbows are not traditional bows and **DO NOT** belong in our early archery season. Crossbows are a cocked and locked device verses being hand drawn, held and released.
- I **DO FAVOR** a crossbow season with a crossbow license. This Crossbow season should **NOT** take away, interfere with or be included into the early archery season. They could be allowed for use starting in the general firearm season and or extending their use into December - January.
- I **DO FAVOR** the rifle cartridge length extension to (1.800") up from the current (1.625") maximum length. This will allow more opportunities for rifle selection.
- I **DO NOT FAVOR** the "ONE Buck Rule". I believe we that hunt with bow and gun should be allowed to take a buck with each should the opportunity present itself. The One-buck rule takes away this opportunity. I have not seen the benefit from this experiment in the field nor with the DNR harvest data.
- I **DO NOT FAVOR** a shorter general gun season.
- I **DO NOT FAVOR** a shorter muzzle-loader season.
- I **DO FAVOR** a continuation for the archery season from the end of November through January of the New Year. Removing the current five (5) day non-hunting after the general firearm season.
- I **DO FAVOR** a December - January firearm doe / antlerless season. Opening on a Saturday and ending on the following Sunday.

Thank you for your time.

Damon Broady

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 January 9, 2011

Division of Hearings
 Indiana Government Center North
 100 North Senate Avenue Room 1501
 Indianapolis, In. 46204-2200

Dear NRC:

My God. I don't know where to start. There is so much killing everywhere now days & you want to add killing antlerless deer?

When deer season comes in, it's like world war III. I'm almost afraid to go out of my house for fear of a stray bullet. The season is too long. It starts too soon. It doesn't end soon enough. It sounds like the 4th of July, all day long, for weeks. Ridiculous?

And then the pain & suffering. You know the word hunter really means killer. So much blood & guts. So horrible. And allowing children to "hunt" to me is child abuse. They don't really know what they're doing at that age.

To the best of my knowledge, I don't know of any "deer attacks". Dogs bite, some other wild animals attack, but NO DEER attacks & yet the most congenial animal is the one that is hunted.

If these idiots want to hunt,

why don't they hunt child abusers,
murderers, rapists, bank robbers,
etc.

No, instead they "hunt" the innocent
animals that do no harm to humans.

And hunting isn't a sport. It's not in
the Olympics.

It's just slaughter. Cruel, senseless
slaughter. Unfair, because the deer
don't have a gun or bow & arrow.
They don't even hunt other animals. They
eat grass!

Can you imagine being a deer. You're
just standing there, eating grass & brown
someone shoots you in the ^{deer} hip. Now
you can't walk. You lie there & suffer
till you bleed to death. And the
baby deer starves to death.

Oh yes, "hunting", what a noble "sport".
any retard with a gun can kill a deer.
And those who do, are.

Deer "hunting" is for those who don't
have the intelligence to do ANYTHING
else.

So don't extend killing to the antlerless.

Respectfully,
Bernie Tople

Natural Resource Commission

Jan 31 2011

To whom it may Concern:

I am a concerned hunter and environmentalist. I live in Owen County, and hunt in Owen and Putnam County. I hunt with my wife, son, and father. I myself have been hunting for nearly 45 years.

I am writing you to express my concern and opinion on the bonus antlerless quota limits in Owen and Putnam Counties, I think they are too high. There is not near as many deer as somehow perceived.

I think the Insurance Companies are pushing for a major reduction in the herd on the belief that the deer are causing too many car accidents. When the truth is the deer are just an escape goat for some talking on a cell phone, texting or driving too fast, recklessly or distracted for whatever reason, and run off the road and hit a tree, fence or whatever. When they file for the insurance claim, they just say that a deer ran out in front of them, without proof at all and no one questions that.

My entire family moved to Owen Co. some 35 years ago. I'm talking Mom, Dad, 2 Uncles, two Aunts and my Grandmother. My Wife is from Owen Co. My Daughter and Son have been driving for about 10 years. My Dad, both Uncles and I drove a minimum of 100 miles a day to work and back. To this date the total number of accidents involving deer for my entire family, after hundreds of thousands of miles is a grand total of 2!

I am not sure but I think the way the DNR estimates the deer population is by the overall harvest each year. If they get high numbers they surmise that we have too many deer. They don't seem to take into consideration that they allow many more antlerless deer to be taken in most counties, and the fact hunters are allowed to hunt with almost any weapon but a Bazooka! Also that the seasons are extended.

I'm not alone in my opinion; because every hunter that I have talked to agrees that the DNR is allowing too many deer to be taken.

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Robert Carter
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Indiana Rule Change Comments

January 26, 2011

Division of Hearings,
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Indianapolis, IN, 46204-2200

Dear Sir or Madam:

The specific issue that I would like to address is in regards to the Indiana Deer Gun Hunting Seasons. I'm 38 years old and have been a resident of Indiana all of my life. I have a BS in Engineering and a Masters Degree in Business, am an avid deer hunter, and I've been deer hunting for 26 years now. I've hunted in several different counties in Indiana and in several Midwest states over the years. In this time I've managed to take one buck that was 3 1/2 years old.

In 1993 I purchased an IL archery license to try and increase my chances of taking a mature trophy Whitetail Deer. It only took me one season of hunting in IL to convince me that the Indiana Deer herd is very immature. I have purchased an IL archery tag and a Shotgun tag every year since. I was only hunting 5 miles from the Indiana state line on unmanaged private land in IL. I saw more P&Y bucks the 1st year I hunted in IL than I had in my previous 10 years of hunting in Indiana combined. The terrain was the same, yet the deer herd was totally different. I felt as though I was hunting in a different world as compared to Indiana. I have not hunted seriously in Indiana since that 1st year that I hunted in IL. In the past 16 hunting seasons in IL I have taken many trophy bucks in IL and enjoy every trip I make that state. I even purchased my own hunting property in IL because the hunting is so much better than here.

The reason Indiana has such a young buck population is due to the long gun season starting during the peak of rut. Indiana has a total of 32 days available to hunt deer with a gun, and most of these days are during the rut. Illinois has a total of 10 days of shot gun deer season, and only 3 of them are in November. In the 3 day IL gun season hunters harvest 68,000 deer and another 30,000 in the December 4 day gun season. Additionally hunters harvest 60,000 deer with Archery equipment. It is also important to note that most hunters in IL buy a combination buck and doe tag. If you must buy a doe tag when you buy a buck tag you are more likely to use it. This helps lower the deer population as most hunters will harvest a doe given the opportunity if they have a tag. The short gun season allows the bucks in IL to get some additional years on them, which creates a lot healthier and more mature deer herd.

Now I would like to talk about the way the deer hunting industry is moving, and what having an older age structure of deer can do for the Indiana economy. It is a fact that more and more hunters are attempting to harvest quality deer, due mostly to Outdoor Channel and all of the different hunting videos showing big deer being taken in states other than Indiana. I don't

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know any hunter who doesn't dream of getting a big buck. This is why IL, IA, and KS can charge \$500+ for a deer tag. This is not to mention what these spend for gas, hotels, guides, food, leases and so on.

Illinois sells nearly 20,000 nonresident archery tags alone. They sell many more Non-resident Gun Tags as well. This tells me that most serious hunters want a quality hunting opportunity and are willing to pay for it. Can you imagine how much money non-resident hunters alone bring to IL's economy? Some simple math says \$20,000,000 in tags and the typical hunter probably also spends \$1500 to go hunting in gas, food, lodging and so on (another \$60,000,000 of the IL Economy). Many non-resident hunters pay for Guides, leases, and so on which would account for another \$20,000,000. That easily adds up to a \$1 Billion dollar hunting industry in the state of IL. A lot of this money goes to the small town people of the state. The IN DNR could use this additional money to lease/buy land from farmers for hunting so that Indiana hunters would have more places to hunt. I know Kansas and IL lease land from farmers and land owners for hunters to use. Just take a look at the ACCESS IL program.

As a hunter I know that I would rather have 7 quality days of hunting a year than 32 non quality days in the field. I have no idea why we need to have 32 days of gun season in Indiana. If a hunter can't take the deer in 7 days over 2 weekend of gun hunting he didn't prepare himself enough for the hunt, therefore he doesn't deserve to take deer. If the season is only 2 weekends you will just hunt them and not make other plans those weekends. By shortening the gun season we would have larger bucks in the state, which would be good for the economy, hunters, and most importantly the deer herd. This long gun season puts a lot of non needed pressure on our deer herd.

If you take a look at our neighboring states of IL, Iowa, or Ohio's hunting laws it looks to me like IN is trying to reinvent the wheel in regards to our deer season, look at the states that have quality deer herds in the Midwest. Almost every state in the Midwest is known for having a mature, high quality deer herd except Indiana, and this could change with better management on our herd.

Conclusion If you want to reduce the herd you need to sell more doe tags. Don't just let the gun hunters knock down more bucks. To sell more tags you need more hunters, which you will get by having a higher age structured deer herd. You get this by shortening the gun season and moving it out of the rut. After a few years of this you could easily bring in an additional 30,000 Non Resident hunters (60,000 more tags). You could implement an Earn a Buck Program - must shoot a doe before you get a buck tag.

If you manage our herd properly (reduce population by additional youth and antlerless only seasons) to grow bigger deer the hunters will come and the money will come, and with this comes additional resources for the DNR and the hunters.

If you want to know what good deer hunting program looks like you should look Iowa's regulation. They have nailed it!

Sincerely Jason Jones

317-446-5589 would to happy to talk about this to you as well.

JAN 16 2011

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DIVISION OF HEARINGS:

THE COMPLAINT I KEEP HEARING IS THAT THERE ARE TOO MANY DOE IN THE STATE AND MOST HUNTERS ARE REFUSING TO HARVEST THEM AND ONLY ARE AFTER BUCKS. I THINK I HAVE A SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM. FIRST REDUCE THE PRICE FOR ANTLERLESS DEER POSSIBLY DOWN TO HALF PRICE.

SECOND MAKE IT MANDATORY FOR "EARN-A-BUCK" RULE STATEWIDE AND NOT JUST IN URBAN ZONES.

IF AN ANTLERLESS DEER LICENCE CAN ONLY BE PURCHASED AFTER SHOWING PROOF THAT AN ANTLERLESS DEER LICENCE HAS BEEN FILLED, THIS WOULD IMPROVE THE BUCK TO DOE RATIO AND DECREASE THE NUMBER OF DOE IN THE STATE.

YOURS TRULY

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1-16-11

DNR,

I think before you change the Deer hunting Season, FIRST you should enforce the Rules you have. I know 5-6 hunters in my area who got 6-8 deer each this past season, Now how many are they allowed? Not that many!

Also my wife + I feed the deer, birds, + other animals year round, so I don't care to see these hunters around here. Slaughter what we have left, Need less to say we don't allow any hunting on our 35 Acres.

I never seen a DNR officer all season out here N.W. Jennings Co.

Thanks for listening
Mike Bechelli

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Jan 09, 2011
Natural Resources Commission,

Deer Hunting Commission, Rules,

Indiana wants more Antlerless Deer
Taken During the Hunting season.

What's Wrong With Earn A Buck? A
Hunter - Archery or Firearms, Must Take a
Antlerless Deer. Before a Buck can Be
Harvested.

At first Firearms hunters were going
to have a time period in Oct. To take a
Antlerless Deer. Where did that time period go?

Late season Firearms Dec 26 to Jan
whatever, for antlerless deer. Deer have now
been hunted for 11 weeks. It is cold, snow,
fog. School is out. If you have time off, you
doing Honey Doo or spending time with the
Kidwince family.

Have a weekend before Firearms season
opens, for your special hunt. Youth Hunt is
nice. But you made it so they can take a Buck
instead of Doe. How many Bucks were shot that
weekend. It was suppose to be antlerless only.
See Deer Reduction.

Thanks for reading this & my other
comments opposing shortening seasons.

Phil Andrews



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Greg

From: "dnrnews" <dnrnews@dnr.IN.gov>
To: "Greg" <gcook@seidata.com>
Sent: Monday, January 10, 2011 12:36 PM
Subject: RE: Deer rules

The recommended rule changes and a convenient online comment link would be posted at (). The NRC also would accept written comments mailed to Division of Hearings, Indiana Government Center North, 100 North Senate Avenue, Room N501, Indianapolis, IN, 46204-2200.

From: Greg [mailto:gcook@seidata.com]
Sent: Monday, January 10, 2011 10:30 AM
To: dnrnews
Subject: Deer rules

Again the bow hunters win again. More deer are taken with firearms so why do we need another week of bow season? If you people would look at the numbers you would see that very few deer are taken with bow after ... firearms season. Deer herd up, travel less, and you either see 10 or nothing the later in the year you get. Extra antlerless season, I get that. Bow season 10/1 through first sat. in next year, ridiculous. Put gun hunters in field a week sooner and you will reduce the deer herd. Later hunting is very cold and results in less hunters. Bow season needs to be from 10/15 or so till end of firearms season and with musceloader season and that be it. Bow hunters trespass, poach, and all the other bad things other bad hunters do so what is the reason for catering to the sportsmans round table?

Thanks for nothing,
 Greg



1/10/2011

I am also a Bow hunter and Bow season is my favorite time of the year to hunt. I and every Bow hunter that I have talked to is strongly opposed to allowing the use of Crossbows in the early archery season. These weapons are almost as deadly as shotguns and require little practice or skill to shoot, as a matter of fact the addition of the Crossbow in the early archery season is what prompted me to write this letter. The way it is now allowing handicapped to hunt in the early season with them, that's ok, or allowing them in the firearm season that's ok to. But the early season ABSOLUTELY NOT!

I believe the state only has a vague idea as to how many deer are in each county. I suggest that they get a much more accurate count by a late winter Fly over, when the snow is on the ground by plane or helicopters, as the deer are herded up for an easier count. Say do this every other year, as I know it would be costly. The DNR could get the money from say a 2% tax on hunting equipment or from the environmental license plates or from donations or all three.

In any case they need an accurate count, so they can suggest more reasonable and accurate quotas.

Because I'm here to tell you a lot of hunters are getting sick of sitting in a cold tree and not seeing any deer, and there going to quit hunting all together and hunter numbers as you know are declining anyway, so there is no need to speed up the process.

Sincerely;

Randall Wilson

